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Sydney Croatia captain-coach Vedran Rozic proudly holds the Beach Fashions Cup after his team's 1-0 win (2-0 on aggregate) against South Melbourne at Olympic Park last Sunday. For a comprehensive match report, turn to page six. Photo: LES SHOR-ROCK.

WHY WERE THERE NO POLICE?

THERE were no police on hand at St George Stadium on Sunday when the donnybrook came at the St George-Preston Makedonia preliminary semi-final.

Why was it so?

The NSL blamed St George club, saying that match arrangements had been placed in their hands.

St George secretary Ambrose Fazekas claimed that he had not contacted the police due to confusion over the date and venue for the game.

Saints president Les Bordacs distanced his club from the omission, saying that there was a minute on their books that they would not make arrangements on behalf of the League, and that Mr Fazekas had been instructed that it was a matter between himself personally and the League.

Regardless of the niceties and any omissions, there must be a lesson there for the NSL, as the buck has to stop somewhere.

Late in the first half it happened that Preston striker Steve Smith was ruled offside by referee Jim Reeves on the flag of

linesman Eric Cohen, as the player slammed the ball into the net.

This signalled a big demonstration from Sydney's Preston supporters, who were in the majority at the ground.

Then security guards at the ground attempted to detain a man.

Ultimately about 60 Macedonian 'fans' holed up a frightened security guard at the city end fence, who made as if to remove his pistol from its holster.

Some of the people it seems were trying to have the guard freed, but others had no such intent.

Referee Reeves said: "It was 2 1/2 minutes into injury time when the goal was disallowed."

"I gave the chance for things to cool down and then called halftime."

"I was concerned for the safety of the linesmen and players because security was unable to handle the trouble."

The referee allowed 22



A security guard (arrowed) grapples with several spectators during last Sunday's crowd disturbance at the St George Stadium. Photo: Courtesy of the SYDNEY DAILY TELEGRAPH.

minutes for halftime, while 17 police gathered from Kogarah and Rockdale stations.

Announcements were made that the game would resume, provided it was allowed to continue in safety.

For the entire second

half, under the eye of police and security, the game proceeded and the rowdy element in the crowd held their peace.

Now there is to be another enquiry.

But will Soccer never learn....

KEITH GILMOUR

Rasko knocks back coaching offer

BY ALEX VESIC

PETER RASKOPOULOS, the Sydney Olympic and Australian midfield general, has been offered a coaching position with a NSW State League club.

"I was tempted," said Raskopoulos in an exclusive interview with ASW this week.

"It was a very remunerative offer, but after some consideration I had to say 'no'. After all, I still have a few years of top football to play, and playing for Sydney Olympic is what I wish to do."

"Certainly deep thought will be given to coaching at the end of my career at Olympic, but it is too early to take it seriously at this stage."

"After all I'd love to coach once I hang up my boots," added the Olympic maestro.

It was not a happy season for Sydney Olympic this year, what with an early change of their coach then the loss of its star striker Chris Kalantzis...

Raskopoulos felt that the loss of Kalantzis as well as their very poor physical preparation under Milan Lukic were the main obstacles to success.

Rumours have persisted lately about a rift between Eddie Thompson, Olympic's coach, and the Olympic midfielder. Raskopoulos was unhappy about being replaced in a recent match and openly showed his displeasure.

Is there any truth in the rumours that all is not well between Rasko and Eddie? "First of all let me stress that I was one of those players and officials who was keen to have Eddie at Olympic. I have a lot of respect for the man."

"He is if not the best then certainly amongst the best in Australia and his past results speak for themselves. However, we all get a little unhappy at times and react the way we shouldn't."

"I have definite ideas about the system one team or another employs and if need be I'll make my point clear."

"At no stage will I attempt to exercise the role of 'know-all' and will follow and respect my coach and his ideas. Being outspoken should not be treated as disrespectful," affirmed Raskopoulos.

CROATIA
WIN THE
BIG CUP

The Editor

THE FOCUS on the game is surely the NSL Grand Final series, which Soccer needs as the wind-up to a long season.

It is a great credit to the leading clubs, their players and coaches that they have held form in many cases from January to almost November.

Melbourne can point to the grand final series becoming largely a Sydney affair, what with four of the five qualifiers being NSW clubs.

The difficulties of the end of season series were highlighted in these columns previously but they have been offset to a degree by playing the Beach Fashions Cup final in two legs and Preston receiving the minor semi-final game in Melbourne.

Whilst Preston claims difficulty in holding form right to the end, it seems that APIA-Leichhardt, St George, Marconi and Sydney Croatia could have their own successful formulas.

That is not to denigrate Preston in any way - their second half championship run is one of the most remarkable sagas in the annals of the League.

Inevitably however, there are off the field matters that have crept in to end of season affairs and it would be counter-productive and indeed cowardly to sweep them under the carpet.

It seems certain, inspite of all the criticism, that the NSL will continue. There is expertise in the NSL that is not so evident in state Federations, who, unless they changed structure, are forced to attend to too many problems in the minor leagues.

The best structure that this newspaper can envisage is two 10 team leagues playing three rounds, although there is food for thought in two eight team competitions with four rounds that has been suggested.

There was something peculiar in the structuring for the one 1987 league.

And indeed it is very strange to instance Wollongong, Canberra and Blacktown as clubs relegated in 1987 with some sort of odium attaching to their abilities.

These clubs, had they been in the Southern Division, might well have made the grade, and Melita Eagles could also be added.

Brisbane Lions also deserved to be included.

Any Australian league that leaves these clubs out must be questioned in that respect.

The NSL needs Canberra, Blacktown, Melita Eagles and Brisbane Lions even more than they need the League.

Add to that Adelaide Hellas and Perth, if a financial deal could be done to make it possible for them to play in a Southern Division.

The biggest point for Soccer's progress is to have planned major competitions, as is the case in all major Australian sports.

It doesn't matter what is done overseas, there isn't the depth and stability in Australia to carry promotion and relegation at top level.

Other sports are passing soccer in public standing, as some people try to kill off such moneyspinners as the grand final system and so on.

If more of the West End sponsorship went into the promotion and the airfares account of some \$400,000 was reduced, then there would be a big gain.

One league taking in Melbourne and Adelaide and another for Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, Wollongong (and later Newcastle) is vital.

There should be no problem to West End Brewery as sponsors. Their limited market exposure under the present Sydney-Melbourne-Adelaide set-up would be greatly expanded to their advantage.

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ROBERTO VIERI BATTLES HIS WAY THROUGH

THE RALE RASIC VIEWPOINT

THE coaching profession has its ups and downs, but one leading coach that I have been close to for a long time is Marconi's Roberto Vieri.

Like so many fans, I admired his super footballing ability, and that's where it all began.

This year, all expectations were focussed on Marconi — they were potentially No.1.

Tony Labbozzetta had got the financial package together and they had secured the right reinforcements.

The main opposition would surely come from Sydney Croatia, who had won the Northern Division by 10 points the previous year.

In Roberto, Marconi had a new coach. The

pressure was on him, with maybe 99 percent of followers questioning his ability in that role.

Unfortunately throughout the year, Marconi didn't perform up to expectations.

For how long can a human being go on when week in and week out his ability to handle the job is being questioned.

Running sixth or seventh meant that many thought his coaching contract ran only from hour to hour, or minute to minute for that matter.

Then the way Marconi upped their standards against South Melbourne and Sydney Croatia — didn't it mean that there was something to his coaching after all? I for one would certainly say so.

Supporters of ethnic clubs often aren't angels — they can put plenty of psychological pressure on their coaches.

But you know in the long run whether you have done a sound job. A lot more will be demonstrated over the grand final series.



That leads me to have a few words on two more coaches — Vedran Rozic of Croatia and Sunshine George Cross' John Gardiner.

Vedran is unquestionably the key to Croatia's success.

He has the burden of a dual role. I believe that over the year it has been proved that they cannot perform the same without him.

And then there is John Gardiner, who left mid-season to go to Britain for his coaching badge.

The spectre of relegation put him under pressure from the George Cross fans — many wanting his blood.

But a relegation-dodging exercise ensued and it seems that John is there to fight another day.

TAILPIECE:

In a refereeing year in which NSW is no longer dominant, I would like to congratulate Newcastle's Jim Reeves for the remarkable year he has had.

Sure, Chris Bambridge and Don Campbell are right up there and there are others including Richard Lorenc who are well on the way.

But all the best to Jim Reeves for his fine work.

DAVID JACK RETIRES

LEADING Sydney Soccer writer David Jack is being recognised by the NSW Soccer Federation with a special dinner in his honour on Thursday night.

After covering the Australian Soccer scene in depth ever since his arrival from England in 1967, the time has come for David to figuratively hang up his pen, but not his boots.

In the ensuing 20 years he has covered almost all the big events of Australian Soccer, either at home or abroad.

Obviously his informative and often hard-hitting columns in the Sydney Sun will be sorely missed.

NSW Federation president John Constantine said that the state body felt a deep obligation to arrange a function for him.

"He has given the game at every level great service for many years," he added.

David was the editor chosen by proprietor Theo Skalkos to set up the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY in 1980.

His newsy story featuring now ASF vice-president Charlie Perkins adorns page 1 of the first issue on February 26 1980.



Over the years he has often led the ASW team, and the publication has continued on to become Australia's leading weekly Soccer newspaper.

He maintains his belief that much of top Soccer has moved the wrong way in Australia, and still looks forward to a change for the better.

Always a firm supporter of the N.S.W. State League, he contends that

N.S.W. and Sydney in particular can move ahead tremendously in the code.

In mid 1988 he and wife Rose will be touring Europe and attending a family wedding in England.

As to settling down, they have a nice home unit in the South Coast township of Sussex Inlet ready to welcome them.

And a tennis court and the sea are not very far away.

Additional Soccer followers wishing to attend Thursday night's dinner should urgently telephone 629 1800 (Kym-Maree Ryan) today Wednesday or on Thursday for an immediate booking.

The venue is the Defi Nite Spot Restaurant, 325 Burwood Rd, Belmore and the donation of \$35 covers the meal, wine and beer.

So, present and past friends, here is the chance of a great evening together.

Come along for an unforgettable night of reminiscences and friendship.

BOURKE SUCCEEDS FORD AS KU-RING-GAI COACH

PRESIDENT Don Allen has announced that assistant coach Allan Bourke had been appointed to succeed Denis Ford as Ku-ring-gai coach for 1988.

Mr Allen made it clear that Denis Ford had resigned due to his increasing business commitments, and thanked the highly professional Yorkshireman for his efforts over the past three years.

Ford nevertheless will be happy to step in should his assistance be required in any way by his successor.

The task facing Bourke is not an easy one, as several key players will be missing next term.

Skipper Chris Quigley has decided to restrict his playing to a local competition, while ace goal-poacher in Under-21 last year, Aaron Ferguson, is going to be overseas for the whole of next season.

An injury during the current season suffered by the skilful Neale Williamson has led to that player having a knee re-

construction operation soon, which will preclude his participation in the 1988 campaign.

Leading scorer Glenn Jeffery, who won the Best and Fairest award, needs support up front and Bourke is scouting for suitable talent.

High on his list, however, is a reliable central defender and a couple of authoritative midfielders.

With a limited budget the options are restricted, but it is hoped that some of the talented players who learned their craft in the district can be lured back to the Chasers' camp.

Bourke, who has previously coached Bankstown and knows the bitter taste of the wooden spoon, realises that in the highly competitive State Bank Soccer League of 1988, raw courage, teamwork and commitment will not be enough without an

influx of more talent.

The club is anxious to preserve its hard-won position as leading team on the northside of Sydney, and would like to boost its willing band of workers on the committee.

A major sponsor is also needed to enable the team to match the well-heeled clubs such as Melita, Blacktown and Canberra.

The backers of the Ku-ring-gai club believe that the area should be able to support a side to match the big three in every department.

Improvements at the scenic Parklands Oval at Mount Colah are under way and additional spectator seating is being installed.

A new canteen building has recently been completed, which includes separate referees accommodation.

— PAUL GOODWIN

GRIFFINS, INTER RATE

By GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Griffins' top goalscorer Alan Reis had all but given up hope of winning the coveted NSW State Bank League's Rothmans Medal for best and fairest going into the last round of voting.

While he led 29-27 from teammate Tom Sermanni, Reis believed that points from the Griffins' last two games would count against him.

"I knew I hadn't played well and that Tom had had a couple of blinders so I wasn't very confident," he said. "I was astounded when Tom only picked up one more point."

The full list of players from the Griffins and Inter Monaro who figured in the voting is as follows: Alan Reis (G) 29, Tom Sermanni (G) 28, Baz Giampaolo (IM) 18, Augusto Palacios (G) 17, Joe Galletti (IM) 11, Angelo Ambrosino (IM) 8, Steve Bryant (G) 8, Vic Fernandez (IM) 6, Sixto Gonzales (G) 6, Ray Junna (G) 4, Peter Mazis (G) 3, Manuel Notaris (IM) 3, Phil Reis (G) 3, Ivo Felizzi (IM) 2, Dennis Maricic (IM) 1, Billy Willox (G) 1.

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YOUNG ROOS GUNNED DOWN

WITH their 2-0 loss to host nation Chile in Group A the Youth Socceroos packed their bags and headed home to Australia.

Les Scheinflug's side finished in third place behind Chile and group winners Yugoslavia.

The Chileans hit the front after 22 minutes through Camilo Pino and took the slender advantage into half-time, but not before the Aussies had defender George Kulcsar sent from the field after elbowing Chilean captain Cortez in the 44th minute.



ABBAS SAAD

attacking with pace and fire but when the goal came the Chilean's confidence soared and they took the initiative.

Pino certainly showed up some problems in the Australian defence as he time and again caused havoc with Kulcsar and Darren Northam.

Despite the fact that the young Australians were down to 10 men they never at any time wilted or contemplated surrender and kept going at the Chileans.

But the back-breaker came when Pino scored once more. He received a cross from Tudor and finished with style.



GEORGE KULCSAR

Pino secured the points and his second goal 11 minutes into the second half and with that sealed Australia's fate.

But it wasn't as cut and dried as that. The Australians dominated the opening quarter of an hour with an undiminished foray at the locals' goalmouth. Curiously however, it was Australia's lack of potency in front of goal which prevented them from capitalising on their territorial advantage.

This, plus some inexcusable mix-ups in front of their own goal proved to be the Young Socceroos' downfall.

Australia's midfield of John Koch, Abbas Saad and Anthony Grbac were being allowed ample freedom in the middle of the park and took delight in setting up the likes of Paul Trimboli, Alistair Edwards and Lou Hristodoulou.



LOU HRISTODOULOU

With Australia failing in front of goal Chile's coach Luis Ibarra reinforced his defensive troops by dropping midfielder Latin back, making the job doubly hard for the green and golds.

Then Pino struck for the first time. Musri sent over a free-kick that eluded the heads of the Aussie defenders, the ball bounced into the path of the young striker and he netted.

Prior to this Australia looked dangerous,



PAUL TRIMBOLI

Results and Tables

GROUP A

Yugoslavia 4 Chile 2, Australia 2 Togo 0, Yugoslavia 4 Australia 0, Chile 3 Togo 0, Chile 2 Australia 0, Yugoslavia 4 Togo 1.

GROUP B

Brazil 4 Nigeria 0, Italy 2 Canada 2, Italy 1 Brazil 0, Italy 2 Nigeria 0, Nigeria 2 Canada 2, Brazil 1 Canada 0.

GROUP C

East Germany 3 Colombia 1, Scotland 2 East Germany 1, Colombia 1 Bahrain 0, Scotland 2 Colombia 2, Scotland 1 Bahrain 1, East Germany 2 Bahrain 0.

GROUP D

West Germany 3 Saudi Arabia 0, West Germany 3 Bulgaria 0, West Germany 2 United States 1, Bulgaria 2 Saudi Arabia 0, United States 1 Saudi Arabia, Bulgaria 1 United States 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	4	3	0	0	12	3	6	E Germany	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Chile	3	2	0	1	7	4	4	Scotland	2	1	1	1	4	5	3
Australia	1	0	2	2	6	2	2	Colombia	1	1	1	2	4	3	1
Togo	3	0	0	3	1	9	0	Bahrain	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Italy	2	2	1	0	5	2	5	W Germany	3	0	0	0	8	1	6
Brazil	2	2	0	1	4	5	2	Bulgaria	3	0	0	2	2	3	4
Canada	0	0	2	1	4	5	2	United States	2	1	0	2	2	3	2
Nigeria	3	0	1	2	2	8	1	Saudi Arabia	0	0	3	0	6	0	0

DEFENDERS VIE FOR ROTHMANS AWARD

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WILL it be defenders to the fore when the numbers go up for the top contestants for the 1987 Rothmans Medal?

The big event for National Soccer League players takes place with pomp and ceremony at the Hyatt on Collins Hotel in Melbourne on Monday night.

Last year it was South Melbourne Hellas defender Bobby Russell leading all comers.

Whilst this dependable full-back has had another good season, even he would be surprised if he could make it two in a row.

But three central defenders at very least spring to mind when it comes to evaluating this year's prospects.

Melbourne Croatia's Robbie Dunn, the regular Socceroo, is one player who must be in with a great chance.

There is no doubt that Preston Makedonia's Steve Jackson will be towards the top.

The former Brisbane star has had a great season, in addition to which he tends to catch the eye with his forays forward, especially at corners and free-kicks.

And, from the Sydney viewpoint, who better to win the title than the skipper of the champion Apia-Leichhardt club, Arno Bertogna.

Although he isn't the only player who will have points ripped off him by his own team-mates, he certainly is one who has players in his team who would also catch the referees' eyes week by week.

Bertogna, though, ex-

celled on the air and the ground, and also showed out as a captain of exceptional perception.

Sydney Olympic has that defender with a future, Robert Hooker, who should also rate highly.

When it comes to major awards heaven help the poor goalkeepers, who don't draw points as field players do.



ARNO BERTOGNA

Willy McNally of Adelaide City, Heidelberg's Jeff Olver and Preston's athletic Phil Triandides are amongst those who could travel well all the same.

Vince Estavillo of Sydney Olympic rightfully will have his supporters in his farewell season to National League.

Playing in a team that performed modestly were John Markovski and Paul Trimboli, and that always gives players' chances a boost.

Josip Biskic did well for Melbourne Croatia, as did import Ian Wallace, but the skilled Alan Davidson

was not at his top for long enough after returning to the game.

Strikers Frank Farina (Marconi), Rod Brown (Apia), Joe Mullen (Adelaide City) could be there at the end, but Robbie Slater and Graham Arnold may not make it.

Footscray would be looking to Oscar Crino to carry their banner, but injuries must have hampered his run.

Paul Wade and Danny Crainie would have surely polled well on their skills.

And from the Sydney end Marconi's Robbie Wheatley could draw votes as would the bright young Scott Ollerenshaw and spindly but smart Kevin Hagan from the St George camp.

All these players missed out on send-offs and should be well in the event. But when the names go up on the board at the Hyatt on Monday evening we will know quite a deal more.



VICENTE ESTAVILLO

ASW's OVERSEAS UPDATE: Former champions English champions Liverpool maintained their unbeaten record by thrashing previous league leaders Queens Park Rangers 4-0 to take over on top. But Liverpool's achievements were overshadowed by an ill-tempered Glasgow derby between Rangers and Celtic in which three internationals were sent off.

England's Chris Woods and Terry Butcher, and Frank McAvennie were dismissed at Ibrox Park where a Celtic held a nine-man Rangers outfit to a 2-all draw.

Meantime Sheffield Wednesday striker Lee Chapman was dismissed for dissent during his team's 3-0 defeat by Nottingham Forest.

Everton striker Adrian Heath was also sent off for a foul in the champions' 1-1 draw at Newcastle, where Mirandinha headed his fifth goal since becoming the first Brazilian to play for an English league club.

Goals by Australian Craig Johnston, John Aldridge — a penalty giving the Irishman his 12th goal of the season and a brace from England forward John Barnes made up Liverpool's hammering of QPR.

Brian Clough's Forest moved into third place ahead of Manchester United on goal difference.

United came from behind to beat Norwich 2-1. England captain Bryan Robson bravely headed a decisive goal 10 minutes from fulltime.

Charlton Athletic are firmly anchored at the foot of the table after a 1-0 home defeat by Derby. Yet the biggest news came from the Glasgow derby where skill was submerged by violence in the match. Woods, the Rangers keeper, and McAvennie, Celtic's recently signed striker from West Ham, went after 16 minutes.

McAvennie followed through after a late challenge to Woods and appeared to hit him.

Woods retaliated, and after a melee in which Rangers' defender Graham Roberts also seemed to throw a punch, they were shown the red card. Roberts escaped punishment and went into goal.



TOMMY DOCHERTY

WILL Tommy be seen on a flying visit to Australia shortly? Now with non-league Altrincham, he could be passing on words of wisdom to the local scene. He certainly has a vast store of experience to call upon.

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SAINTS WITHOUT STARS

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE will face NSL Champions Apia-Leic- hhardt in the NSL major semi-final without two of their key players.

Saints' top goalscorer, teenage sensation Scott Ollerenshaw, and left-back Mike Grbevski will both miss the match through suspension.

"It is a big headache for me at this vital stage as both are key players and supply much of our pace in attack," Saints

coach Frank Arok said last night.

"Apia being this season's runaway champions will be tough opponents for us.

"I feel that our defence will be the decider in this match."

The St George defence, extremely well-marshalled by former international centre-back Steve O'Connor, has conceded only three goals for five wins and a draw over their last six matches.

Arok added that he felt that it will be a low scoring affair.

But all is not bad news for St George.

Sydney Croatia's continuing battle...

MARCONI ARE WARY

By JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI coach Roberto Vieri has quickly forgotten his team's crushing 5-0 victory over Sydney Croatia of just two weeks ago.

The clubs meet again tonight (Wednesday) at the St George Stadium in the sudden death NSL elimination semi-final in the Top Five Series.

Yesterday Vieri said: "Sydney Croatia are a very good team and you cannot afford to ignore them. They have already won the Beach Fashions Cup and their morale has been lifted enormously by the win.

"Forget that Marconi beat them 5-0 in the last League match. Croatia have three dangerous match-winning players in Zarko Odzakov, Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater.

"Last Sunday Odzakov did nothing for 20 minutes, then all of a sudden he broke away down the left, to cut back a fabulous ball which set up Arnold's winning goal. That is Odzakov."

Marconi have no injury problems, but will be without utility player Geoff Gunning who has a two match suspension to serve.

Vieri is undecided who Gunning's replacement will be and has a couple of options at his disposal.

Right-back Paul Carter could possibly come into the side but Vieri won't decide on his final eleven until just before the match.

Meanwhile Sydney Croatia's flank-striker, Robbie Slater, told me last night: "Our confidence has lifted for this match after our Cup final win last Sunday.

"I think you will see a different Sydney Croatia against Marconi, as long as we can bottle up Frank Farina and their midfielders Tommy McCulloch and Craig Mason."

If Sydney Croatia expect dividends from tonight's match, it certainly is imperative that they take measures to contain Marconi's midfield distributor, McCulloch.

During Marconi's 5-0 slaughter of Croatia, three of McCulloch's geometrically measured crosses brought Marconi three of their five goals.

Sydney Croatia has midfielder David Rezo in doubt for tonight's match as he suffered injuries in last Sunday's torrid Cup final in Melbourne and had to be replaced near the end.

Rezo sustained a gashed shin plus a possible broken rib.

Should Rezo be un-

available, mobile midfielder Shane Clinch could come into the side to link up with Mark Jones and the dynamic Odzakov.

This match will be a severe test of stamina between the two sides, with Marconi having a decided edge.

Whilst Marconi has

played only two matches over the last 18 days, Croatia has played double the number in the same period including two Cup final legs.

The winner of tonight's match will face Preston on Sunday at Melbourne's Olympic Park in the minor semi-final.

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	DERBY	1	1
	COVENTRY	NEWCASTLE	2	1
	EVERTON	WATFORD	3	1
	LUTON TOWN	LIVERPOOL	4	X
	NOTT'M. F.	TOTTENHAM	5	X
	OXFORD U.	CHARLTON	6	X
	Q.P.R.	PORTSMOUTH	7	1
	SHEFF. WED.	NORWICH	8	2
	SOUTH'PTON	CHELSEA	9	X
	BIRMINGHAM	MIDDLESBRO'	10	1
DIVISION 2	BLACKBURN	PLYMOUTH A.	11	X
	CRYSTAL P.	SWINDON	12	X
	HULL C.	LEICESTER	13	2
	IPSWICH T.	SHEFF. UTD.	14	1
	LEEDS U.	BOURNEM'TH	15	X
	MAN. CITY	BARNLEY	16	1
	READING	BRADFORD C.	17	X
	SHREWSBURY	OLDHAM A.	18	X
	STOKE C.	ASTON VILLA	19	2
	W.B.A.	HUDDERSFIELD	20	2
DIVISION 3	BLACKPOOL	WIGAN A.	21	1
	BRIGHTON	BRENTFORD	22	1
	BRISTOL R.	DONCASTER	23	2
	BURY	PRESTON	24	2
	CHESTER	MANSFIELD	25	1
	CHESTERF'LD	SOUTHEND	26	2
	FULHAM	ALDERSHOT	27	X
	GILLINGHAM	NOTTS. C.	28	X
	NORTH'PTON	GRIMSBY T.	29	X
	ROTHERHAM	BRISTOL C.	30	1
DIVISION 4	SUNDERLAND	YORK	31	X
	WALSALL	PORT VALE	32	1
	CAMB'GE U.	COLCHESTER	33	X
	CARLISLE	TRANMERE	34	1
	EXETER	CREWE A.	35	2
	HALIFAX	PETERBORO'	36	X
	ROCHDALE	BOLTON W.	37	1
	SCARBORO'	HARTLEPOOL	38	1
* RESERVE MATCHES				
DIV. 4	SCUNTHORPE	CARDIFF	39	
	SWANSEA	LEYTON Q.	40	
	TORQUAY	BURNLEY	41	
SCOT. PREM.	ALTRINCHAM	TELFORD	42	
	CELTIC	DUNDEE UTD.	43	
	HEARTS	MORTON	44	
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	ST. MIRREN	HIBERNIAN	45	
	AIRDRIE	Q. OF SOUTH	46	
	CLYDE	HAMILTON	47	
	CLYDEBANK	FORFAR	48	
	KILMARNOCK	DUMBARTON	49	
SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	MEADOWBANK	EAST FIFE	50	
	RAITH	PARTICK	51	
	ALBION	ST. JOHNS'NE	52	
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ALL COACHES AND INTERESTED
SOCCER FOLLOWERS WELCOME



KEVIN HAGAN (Saints)

World Youth Championship midfielder, the giant Craig Moffitt, is expected back from Chile tomorrow and Arok could bring him straight back into the side.

With Moffitt in the links, captain Andy Koczka can revert into the attack line in place of Ollerenshaw.

Meanwhile Apia has no problems with suspensions and is expected to field a full strength side.

Apia coach, Rale Rasic, has a very stable team and is anxious to show their wares again.

Attacking right side player Burim Zajmi believes he will be fit enough to resume for the last games, even though he will face an off-season operation.

Apia's strength is such that they are performing well in spite of having the brilliant young midfielder Alex Bundalo standing down.

He faces a groin operation in Yugoslavia in the not far distant future.

Splendidly led by Arno Bertogna, who surely should rate highly in this year's awards, Apia is certain to fully test St George.

It is a pity that young Ollerenshaw is not available for the Saints, but he can't dispute the final yellow card he received on Sunday and which caused his absence this week.

YOUNG ROOS ON SBS

EXCERPTS from the Young Soccerroos' games against Togo and Chile in the World Youth Cup at Santiago will be screened on SBS on Sunday at 11am.

ANGRY PRESTON COACH

By JOHN ECONOMOS

PRESTON coach Ernie Merrick will be eagerly watching the result of tonight's match at the St George Stadium between Sydney Croatia and Marconi.

The winner of this clash will travel to Melbourne on Sunday to meet Merrick's side in the NSL minor semi-final.

Despite Preston's valiant rise to second spot on the NSL ladder over the last 14 weeks, either Sydney Croatia or Marconi could prove a big hurdle for them on Sunday at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Merrick, although an extremely quietly spoken person, could not suppress his great disappointment last Sunday in the Preston dressing rooms just minutes after St George had defeated his side 2-1.

In silent anger, Merrick barely whispered: "I am not as disappointed with the result as I am with the display of character that two or three of my players showed out there.

"We had a lot going against us well before the match.

"We had our Presentation Night the evening before this game. We lost during the week to

Croydon 1-0, and had this match against St George being brought forward from Wednesday.

"I have to start questioning the character of some of my players.

"As it now looks I will be in charge of Preston for next season. It will not be so much a matter of whom I am going to buy for the club, but who I am going to sell?

"As you know we do not have much depth in our ranks.

"I am not questioning the skills of some of my players, but their character and attitude.

"On Sunday things will be tough for us. I will be looking for the commitment that you get from players such as Ian Roodhouse and Ronnie Campbell.

"We must have 11 committed players to succeed.

"Finishing second on the League's ladder is just not good enough at all," Merrick concluded.

Preston's deadly 26

year-old striker, Steve Smith, is a match winner in anybody's books and consistently fights a lone battle without flank support.

But the blond lad from Birmingham, who played for Walsall prior to coming to Australia to link up with Box Hill, needs back-up in the box as well as a far better quality of ball supply.

Preston's midfield of Goce Dimovski, John Stewart, George Petrov and Steve Gojevic were outclassed by Saints last Sunday.

Only Stewart shone for the Victorians in the "gear-box" and second-stopper Steve Jackson was left to add some form of added thrust from the back in attacking the Saints' goals.

Preston players on Sunday not only will be under pressure from either Marconi or Sydney Croatia. They will be under constant surveillance from Merrick's watchful eyes.

PREDICTIONS

1=HOME WIN 2=AWAY WIN
X=DRAW

ENGLISH Div 1: Charlton 0 Derby 1, Chelsea 1 Coventry 0, Liverpool 4 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Luton 2 Wimbledon 0, Manchester United 2 Norwich 1, Newcastle 1 Everton 1, Nottingham Forest 3 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Oxford 1, West Ham 2, Southampton 1 Watford 0.

ENGLISH Div 2: Aston Villa 1 Bournemouth 1, Barnsley 1 Hull City 3, Blackburn 2 Stoke 0, Bradford 4 Birmingham 0, Ipswich 3 Manchester City 0, Middlesbrough 2, West Bromwich 1, Millwall 4, Shrewsbury 1, Plymouth 6, Leeds 3, Reading 3, Huddersfield 2, Sheffield United 2 Leicester 1.

ENGLISH Div 3: Blackpool 0 Sunderland 2, Brentford 0 Walsall 0, Brighton 0 Preston 0, Bristol Rovers 2 Chester 2, Doncaster 0, Notts County 1, Grimsby 1, Bristol City 4, Mansfield 2, Gillingham 2, Northampton 4, Chesterfield 0, Port Vale 1, Bury 0, Wigan 1, Fulham 3, York 2, Aldershot 2.

ENGLISH Div 4: Bolton 5, Carlisle 0, Crewe 1, Scarborough 0, Exeter 1, Burnley 2, Hartlepool 0, Torquay 0, Hereford 2, Scunthorpe 3, Leyton Orient 0, Cambridge 2, Newport 2, Swansea 1, Peterborough 4, Cardiff 3, Rochdale 1, Darlington 3, Wolverhampton 3, Tranmere 0, Wrexham 0, Colchester 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Dundee United 0 Aberdeen 0, Dunfermline 0 Dundee 1, Falkirk 3, Motherwell 0, Hibernian 2, Hearts 1, Morton 0, St Mirren 0, Rangers 2, Celtic 2.

SCOTTISH Div 1: Airdrieonians 0, Meadowbank 1, Clydebank 2, Clyde 0, Forfar 0, Dumbarton 2, Partick 1, Hamilton 0, Queen of the South 2, East Fife 1, Raith 0, Kilmarnock 2.

SCOTTISH Div 2: Ayr 2, Alloa 1, Berwick 0, Albion 3, Brechin 3, Stenhousemuir 0, Cowdenbeath 3.

Arbroath 5, Queen's Park 3, Stranraer 0, St Johnstone 1, Montrose 1, Stirling 3, East Stirling 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	9	8	1	0	26	6	25
QPR	11	8	1	2	16	9	25
Notts Fst	11	7	2	2	19	9	23
Manch Utd	12	6	5	1	21	12	23
Chelsea	12	7	1	4	22	17	22
Arsenal	10	6	2	2	18	5	20
Tottenham	11	6	2	3	15	15	20
Everton	12	5	4	3	19	9	19
Coventry	10	5	1	4	11	13	16
Oxford	11	4	2	5	15	18	14
Derby	11	3	4	4	8	12	13
Portsmouth	11	3	4	4	12	23	13
Wimbledon	11	3	3	5	12	15	12
Luton	12	3	3	6	14	18	12
West Ham	11	2	5	4	11	14	11
Newcastle	10	2	4	4	12	17	10
Southampton	12	2	4	4	12	17	10
Norwich	12	3	1	8	9	17	10
Watford	10	2	2	6	5	12	8
Sheff Wed	12	1	3	8	11	26	6
Charlton	11	1	2	8	8	21	5

DIVISION TWO

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	13	10	2	1	25	9	32
Hull	13	7	5	1	21	12	26
Middlesbrough	13	7	2	4	19	12	23
Ipswich	13	6	4	3	15	9	22
Cryst Pal	12	6	3	3	15	16	21
Swindon	12	6	3	3	19	13	21
Aston Villa	14	5	6	3	17	12	21
Millwall	13	6	3	4	20	17	21
Birmingham	13	5	4	4	15	20	19
Stoke	13	5	4	4	14	19	19
Sheff Utd	13	5	3	5	17	18	18
Blackburn	14	4	5	5	17	18	17
Plymouth	14	4	4	6	24	25	16
Manch City	12	4	3	5	19	18	15
Barnsley	13	4	3	6	11	15	15
Leeds	14	3	6	5	10	16	15
Leicester	13	4	2	7	18	18	14
W.B.A.	14	2	8	17	23	14	14
Shrewsbury	12	2	7	3	9	11	13
Bournemouth	13	3	4	6	15	19	13
Reading	12	3	3	6	12	18	12
Oldham	12	3	3	6	9	18	12
Huddersfield	12	0	5	7	12	26	5



SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrexham	13	4	3	6	15	20	15
Carlisle	13	4	2	7	22	28	14
Hereford	13	4	2	7	9	17	14
Swansea	13	4	1	8	15	20	13
Stockport	13	4	1	8	11	16	13
Rochdale	13	2	4	7	11	26	10
Tranmere	12	3	2	7	11	16	9
Newport	13	2	2	9	11	27	8

DIVISION ONE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	15	9	3	3	28	13	21
Airdrie	14	7	4	3	23	20	18
Forfar	15	5	7	3	27	17	17
Raith	15	5	8	1	16	27	17
M'bank	15	5	7	3	16	14	17
Clyde	15	6	4	5	37	26	16
Q.O' St	15	5	5	5	19	21	15
Dumbarton	15	4	6	5	17	24	14
Partick	14	3	6	5	15	22	12
Kilmarnock	15	4	3	8	20	24	11
Clydebank	15	4	3	8	15	25	11
East Fife	15	3	3	9	18	32	9

DIVISION TWO

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr	12	10	2	0	37	6	22
St Johnst	12	7	5	0	19	5	19
Queen's Pk	12	7	2	3	25	17	16
Brechin	12	5	5	2	16	10	15
Stirling	12	5	4	3	17	14	14
Arbroath	12	5	3	4	22	20	13
E Stirling	12	4	4	4	12	12	12
Albion	12	5	2	5	16	22	12

RALE RASIC VIEWS THE APIA CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

THE words came out slowly and deliberately, Rale Rasic had paused for just a few seconds. But, he knew what he was about to say and he knew that it would surprise a lot of people.

Barely 24 hours after his Apia team had won the West End National Soccer League championship, Rasic, the only man to guide Australia to the World Cup finals only to be dumped several months later, was quite rightly basking in the glory of Apia's success.

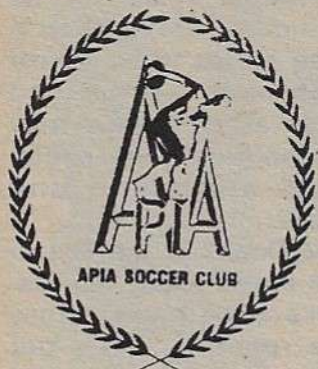
Sitting in his office in the Apia club in Leichhardt, sipping a glass of champagne with the warm, spring sunlight pouring through the windows, he was in one of his expansive moods.

But the reply to the question of how satisfying it was to win the national title, certainly caught this reporter off guard.

"It has," Rasic said, "given me more satisfaction than taking the Socceroos to the World Cup finals in 1974. Yes, no question about it.

"The national team is normally built around the best players in the country and really shows how good a selector you are. You have time to build a team.

"But, a club side can be so short term. At Apia I took over in 1986 when the club had almost been relegated the season before.



"In such a short time, especially with turnover of new players in the club, I was expected to get them into the top five. There was pressure in the regard.

"But, honestly, I had not expected to win the championship until next season."

Socceroos

Rasic admitted that this Apia team reminded him of the 1974 Socceroos.

"These players may not be the greatest in the country, but they are definitely strong and committed human beings," he said.

"This is the first club side in my coaching career which can be compared in a way with the '74 Socceroos. I say that in terms of the relationship between the players. It is the friendship from top to bottom which makes Apia so unbelievable.

"They are so close and that's what puts it

into one body and makes it click just like '74."

As ever, Rasic was reluctant to be cast as the hero in Apia's success, even though it was suggested to him that winning the championship would put a few of his detractors in their place.

"Everyone at Apia deserves recognition," he

the Sporting Hall of Fame.

"I don't get this recognition, but my record is there. That is why I coach."

ACHIEVEMENT

But, what does the championship mean for Rale Rasic and will it change him?



1972 and Rale (right) congratulates Marconi skipper Ray Richards on a Grand Final victory.

said.

"I admit that, yes, some people would like to see me fall on my backside.

"But, they are a minority although, unfortunately, that minority makes decisions.

"Whatever these people think, if they are big enough then they know who is No 1.

"Fortunately, I have the support of the Soccer lovers. What other coach would receive 180 telephone calls and dozens of congratulatory telegrams?

"I am a public figure. I have a place in Soccer. I am not an MBE. I don't have an Order of Australia. I'm not a member of



"As far as what it means for me, that is easy. Personal satisfaction. Satisfaction that it has been achieved with such a great club as Apia.

"A lot of people had written off a club with the greatest Soccer history in the country. One critic tipped us to run 10th this year. Surely, it must have been a typographical



Above: ADRIAN ALSTON in action for the 1974 Socceroos against East Germany. Left: One of Rale's star performers — Jean Paul de Marigny.

error.

"The zero should not have been there," he laughed.

In terms of change, Rasic said he had changed long ago.

"When I joined AMP a few years ago and realised there was more to life than Soccer, that's when I changed.

"I set out to gain financial security and I have achieved that

through business, not sport.

APIA, the champion 1987 model in action against Brunswick Juventus.

"My business did help me in Soccer because it taught me that you have to be highly motivated and committed to succeed. AMP only accepts achievers and I have used that philosophy at Apia."

Asked if he could go back to any stage this season and do anything differently, Rasic said: "I would not change a thing, except the 4-0 loss to Preston."

He came straight to the point when asked if he had made any mistakes.

"The greatest satisfaction that a coach can be given is when you are down in eight or nine games as we were this season and you pull it out of the bag from the bench.

"This season I have reason to be happy with my performance because the championship was won from the bench with a combination of good players and good decisions like the right substitutions and change of tactics.

Former Socceroo coach Rale Rasic led Apia to this year's National League championship. In this provocative and enlightening interview, Sydney Morning Herald Soccer writer RAY GATT discovers the reasons behind the success and how much it means to him.



soon shot to a three-point lead at the head of the table.

"Once on top I must accept the fact that we concentrated and paid incredible attention to result football.

"When we realised we could win the League we then concentrated on trying to stay unbeaten.

"If there was a mistake then maybe it was because we became too greedy, too hungry for success. Maybe that is not a mistake, probably more human nature."

MOTIVATION

Success won't change Rale Rasic. If anything, it will continue to push him towards something he believes is right — coaching the Socceroos.

Would he like to be Socceroo coach again?

"Would John Howard like to be Prime Minister? Would you like to be a millionaire?" was the quick reply.

"Look I always wear the No 13 Socceroo shirt at every club match. I have pride in this country and no-one will ever take that from me.

"My feeling is that if I ever walk into the Socceroo dressing room as coach again then the feeling in the room will be different.

"You can say whatever you want. Thirteen years ago I was 13 years younger.

"I've learnt that when you are young, you are fast, mobile and not very wise. When you are 13 years older you can't run, you are slow, but you can think better.

"I think much better than I did 13 years ago. I was very dynamic with the Socceroos. I was very selfish.

"I would never have considered saying 'thank you' to other people for helping. I would just say 'I did it'.

"Today, I say thank you to everybody."

THE RECORD SPEAKS

1967-69 Footscray J.U.S.T premiers (Victorian State League, 1969).

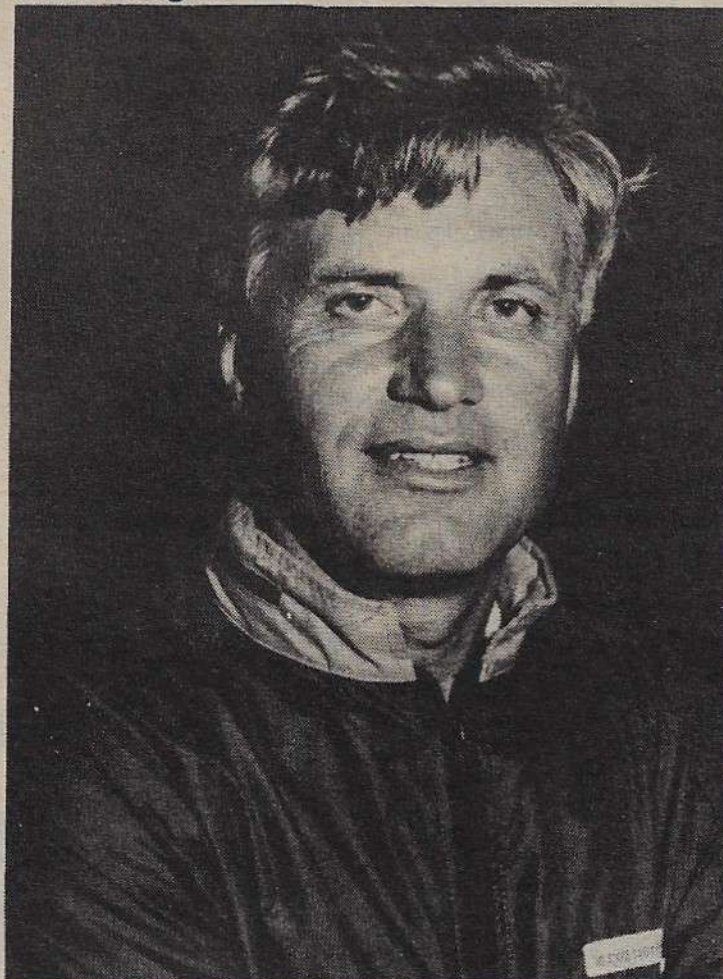
1969 Victorian State team: draw with Greece.

1970-74 Australian National team: made World Cup finals, 1974. Overall record: 58 games, 27 wins, 17 draws, 14 losses.

1971 St George: Tokyo International Challenge. Grand Final winners (NSW League).

1972-73 Marconi: Interstate challenge winners (72), Grand Final winners (NSW State League, '73).

1974-75 Pan Hellenic: 3rd and 5thn NSW State League.



RALE RASIC

1976-78 Marconi: 2nd '76, lost '77 national league title on goal difference, and lost Phillips Cup final on penalties, 4th '78.

1979-80 Adelaide City: Phillip Cup winners ('79).

1981-82 Blacktown; Relegated from national league. '82 NSW State League.

1981 NSW State team.

1983 South Melbourne

1986-87 Apia Leichhardt. NSL Champions ('87).

Steve O'Connor says

SAINTS NEED TO IMPROVE

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE did it again when they defeated Preston 2-1 in the preliminary semi-final of the "Top Five Series" at the St George Stadium in a spiteful match in which crowd violence forced referee Jim Reeves to order both teams to clear the pitch.

St George's giant centre-back Steve O'Connor, evaluated after the match: "We have to improve at least 50 per cent if we are going to do well against Apia on Sunday, otherwise we will be struggling. We just did enough to win and maybe could have had another goal."

Preston just a minute before halftime, appeared to have equalised through striker Steve Smith but the goal was disallowed when the linesman flagged Smith in an off-side position.

Rubbish rained in from the crowd on the linesman and the referee as stadium security guards raced across to the far side of the pitch to protect the officials.

Reeves ordered both teams from the pitch till Police arrived.

Scott Ollerenshaw, St George's teenage red-haired striker, was his team's hero nailing both

goals and just missing out on a hat-trick.

Preston however should have taken the lead as early as in the eighth minute when centre-back Steve Jackson miscued his point-blank shot following a corner from the right.

Jackson again threatened in the 22nd minute, rifling his powerful header just wide of the St George left post.

But it was Saints that opened the "innings" just three minutes before "drinks" when Ollerenshaw crashed his header into Preston's net after meeting a perfect Pedro Rico corner whipped in from the left.

The 66th minute saw Preston balance the books as striker George Slifkas gained possession on an angle on the left inside the box. With the ball bouncing, Slifkas headed over the top of the advanced St George goalkeeper, Mike Gibson.

The 73rd minute almost saw Preston break ahead as dynamic midfielder John Stewart slung in a cross from the right to the first post, but Smith's glancing header whistled inches outside the "leg-stump".

Nine minutes before "stumps" Saints sealed the match when Ollerenshaw scored his second by volleying in a crashing shot from a cross cracked in from the right flank by classy midfielder Alan Pottier.

Stars for Preston were Jackson, Smith and Stewart whilst Saints were best served by Ollerenshaw, Pottier and O'Connor.

A most disappointed Preston coach, the ever humble Ernie Merrick, lamented after the match: "I'm not as disappointed in losing the match as I am with some of my players, as two or three of them showed little character."

"Despite the fact that we had to play three games in seven days, plus having a Presentation Night the evening before, some of their character now has to be questioned."

"We are missing the sort of commitment you get from a Ron Campbell or Ian Roodhouse and to finish second is not good enough."

St George coach, Frank Arok, analysed: "They used their experience from the last time we met and left some of their slow players out. The crowd disturbance influenced my players for the first 20 minutes or so of the second half but then we regained our cool."

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Shea, O'Connor, Grbevski: Ricoy, Petkovski, Koczka, Pottier: Ollerenshaw, Hagan.
PRESTON: Triandis: McLennan, Tasevski, Jackson, Opasnik: Dimovski, Stewart, Petrov, Gojevic: Smith, Slifkas.
Referee: J. Reeves.
CROWD: 3,964.
Yellow Cards: Grbevski, Ollerenshaw, Dimovski.



St. George's MIKE GRBEVSKI leaps into the air to try a shot at goal. Grbevski is suspended for a couple of games through points accumulation. Photo Les Shorrock.

SOUTH'S DATE WITH DESTINY

GREG BLAKE gives readers a birds eye view of what goes on in the dressing room before a big match.

SUNDAY October 18 was South Melbourne's 1987 date with destiny.

All the rumours, disappointments and troubles of the season could be washed away if Hellas could, in front of their home fans, come back from a one goal deficit in this, the second leg of the Beach Fashions Cup Final.

Well over an hour before kickoff, the Hellas players started to arrive at Olympic Park in dribs and drabs.

Almost to a man, their first chore was to make the customary pilgrimage onto the park to gauge the weather condition and test the playing surface.

All the pre-season work and the long, hard haul of the league program was behind them.

It all came down to this day — and the strain was showing.

Coach Brian Garvey nervously admitted that the mood in the camp had been good and "that the signs are encouraging".

The players too tried desperately hard not to display any detectable nerves but as they figured and busied themselves in the change room, it was obvious they were well aware of what was at stake.

There was a kinship, a bond between them as they faced their biggest game of the season and yet each player remained an island as they independently coped with the unfolding drama associated with a cup final day.

The jokes and laughter are strained even though the banter doesn't stop until the final moments before moving out into the field of battle.

Richard Miranda is the most active of the players, exercising furiously and crashing loose soccer balls against the cream brick wall or passing to anyone keen to

release the tension with him.

Peter Laumets kits up slowly — as if to savour the moment — and then meticulously cleans his boots.

Danny Crainie whistles and sings, so too does Angi Postecoglou until he and substitute Steve Tasios begin to joke about how they'll pose to the SBS cameras should they score.

Carl Halford sits dejectedly amongst the group — he's part of it and yet not quite, having had to miss the match through injury.



RAY VLIETSTRA and DANNY WRIGHT do battle.

He sits in his street clothes watching the passing parade as some players release the pent up energy and others quietly contemplate the game ahead.

The quietest of the group are Gary McDowall, Paul Wade and Bobby Russell who each go about their business calmly and methodically.

The Sydney Croatia teamsheet appears and one by one the Hellas players venture a glance, wordlessly read it and shake their heads knowingly.

Mild interest as further

news comes through the grapevine — "Lamond is out and Don Campbell is referee."

About 20 minutes from kickoff, the mood abruptly changes.

The transformation is marked as now almost everyone in the room begins to talk to each other with a sudden urgency.

Garvey exhorts his charges with "get your mind on the game" and then begins the ritual of shaking each player by the hand and wishing them good luck.

The under-bubbling tension now begins to rise to a crescendo and most of the players are on their feet stretching their limbs or backslapping passing teammates.

There's a last minute panic as Steve Blair's nose begins to bleed and then more half-hearted jokes as he returns from the showers with cotton wool stuffed in one nostril.

McDowall is the last to pull on his jersey as Russell's voice barks across the room — "let's get our minds on it, let's make sure we're ready."

McDowall moves into the excited fray to begin handshakes all round and the gesture is infectious.

Each player seeks the others out in turn to exchange final words of encouragement as the tension rises another notch.

"It's time," comes the call, and the Hellas players voices babble in unison — "Come on lads, let's work for one another."

Finally, its one by one out the door and some final quiet contemplation as the noise of the crowd assaults them for the first time.

They move silently and purposely into the players' race — South Melbourne Hellas is ready to meet its date with destiny.

UNLUCKY SOUTH MELBOURNE

SYDNEY Croatia took the first leg of the "Beach Fashions Cup" final 1-0 but considered themselves most lucky as their opponents South Melbourne Hellas were the far better side last Wednesday night at the St George Stadium.

Souths dominated the entire match, only to see the Sydney team score through Robbie Slater with just five minutes of play left.

The Victorians, who looked faster, fitter and stronger, ripped into Sydney Croatia from the start and, with a little luck should have been two goals up at the break.

Shots from striker Danny Wright in the 20th minute and 35th were well blocked by the man of the match, Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

Although "Woody" looked rusty and mistimed many crosses, he made at least four saves to hand his side the first leg of the Cup final.

The Melbourne team

had too much power and pace in their midfield quartet of Richard Miranda, Paul Wade, Gary McDowall and Danny Crainie, and that created chances for their frontmen.

But alas it was not to be their night.

The Sydney team threatened in the 22nd minute when speedy left striker, Manis Lamond, busted into the Victorians' penalty area and appeared to be held back by a defender. The appeal for a penalty fell on the deaf ears of referee Rob Davies.

Seconds after halftime Lamond's shot from well inside the penalty area took a deflection to fly over the bar.

The 61st minute saw Sydney Croatia's midfielder-striker, Graham Arnold, feed Zarko Odzakovic nicely allowing him a free passage into the box — but the latter's shot was deflected just wide of the target.

Sydney Croatia's right striker, Robbie Slater, threatened in the 69th minute when he teased South's goalkeeper Peter Laumets, who had raced off his line to the edge of the box. Slater however lingered a second too long, allowing the Victorian cover defence to move across and shut him down.

Crainie, one of South's best players, caused continual havoc down the left side but some of his crosses lacked direction in-

side the box.

South Melbourne penetrated strongly in the 82nd minute as a cross from the left found striker Charlie Egan, whose volley inched past Sydney Croatia's left post.

Just when a scoreless draw looked certain, and with five minutes left of play, disaster struck the visiting team.

Arnold, whose tremendous workrate in the midfield held Sydney Croatia together, unleashed an angled thunderbolt drive from the right and well on target. That saw Slater flash in from the left side to tap the ball into the net behind goalkeeper Laumets.

A disappointed South Melbourne coach, Brian Garvey, lamented after the match: "We created far more chances than they did. Now we have to make sure we score at least two goals and block them out for the return leg at home on Sunday."

But a dejected Bobby Russell, South's Rothmans Medal winner last year, commented: "There is no justice in this game of ours, is there?"

Sydney Croatia was best served by Woodhouse, Arnold and Odzakovic, whilst South's best were Crainie, Wright and Russell.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Savor, Vlietstra, Rozic, Jennings, Jones, Odzakovic, Rumora, Arnold, Slater, Lamond (Clinch 55th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Anezakis, Postecoglou, Miranda, Wade, McDowall, Crainie, Egan, Wright. Referee: Rob Davies. Crowd: 3,845. Yellow card: R Miranda.

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A MIRACLE IS WANTED

By TOM McKAIN

BRISBANE Lions are back in the National League — unless Adelaide Hellas can pull off a miracle 3-0 away win on Sunday in the West End National League qualifying play-off.

And that is the opinion of even the most fanatical SA supporters following the Queenslanders' 2-0 win at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday.

And the triumph for Lions was full of irony with controversial FIFA referee Chris Bambridge from Victoria in charge.

Fans will remember he was not the most popular whistler in the last World Cup, and he "did it again" in Adelaide.

Albert Kidd, the Scottish import Hellas rushed to Australia to help them get back on the National scene, was ordered off in the 53rd minute for dissent after being the home side's driving force.

He had struck a rocket shot at Lions' goal and as it rebounded just as quickly, Kidd ran to Bambridge claiming a handball.

When waved away, he persisted and just as quickly Bambridge produced his red card.

After the match Bambridge said the midfielder had been sent off for foul and abusive language.

Lions also finished the game with 10 men when David Hunter was sent off for a foul tackle having been yellow-carded earlier.

But there was no excuse for the home team as Lions had scored when Hellas was at full strength — in the 22nd minute through Grant Lightbown who slid in on a right cross from John Ogden.

And the Queenslanders got the killer goal after Hunter had been sent off.

This was also part of the irony as it was John Morton, a teammate of Kidd's in Scotland, who headed home a cool effort in the 86th minute.

Before the kickoff, Hellas had been favourites not only because they were playing at home, but for the weather which were not expected to suit the Brisbane players who

had come from hot dry conditions.

But in the end the weather equalised everything for both teams with the rain disappearing into the ground followed by intermittent showers plus sunshine.

While Queensland got the goals, Hellas was not standing still. But, at the same time they were not capable of beating goalkeeper Jason Kearton.

He first had to deal with George Konstandopoulos in the first half but grabbed his shot, then watched as a Steve Papadopoulos effort skimmed past his lefthand post, and Kidd got onto the ball but slipped as he was about to shoot.

Then Konstandopoulos was there again with a shot but Kearton held it.

And he thwarted striker Gary Price low on his left for a corner and the next incident was Kidd's ordering off.

Keramidas shot low and wide for the former

champions then Chris Manou was there but so was the Brisbane keeper Kearton.

Three minutes after Hunter was sent off, Morton broke through for Lions only to see Miller dive and save.

But in the end, it was Lions' day with Ogden, Morton, Lightbown, and David Wheeler plus Russell Stewart the dominating figures.

Although Hellas will be minus Kidd for the second leg, they will have Young Soccerroo Lou Hristodoulou returning from Chile to the midfield, and also Steve Atsalas, who missed Sunday's game due to an ankle injury suffered in training.

HELLAS: Miller, Frantzis, Papadopoulos, Hlern, Honeyman, Manou, Kidd, Price, Konstandopoulos, Savoudis, Keramidas.

LIONS: Kearton, Marsh, Meredith, Liddell, McSkimming, Ogden, Stewart, Hunter, Morton, Lightbown, Wheeler.

Referee: Chris Bambridge (Vic). **Bookings:** Kidd, Meredith, Hunter.

ASPA AWARDS AT APIA

By JOHN ECONOMOS

THE Australian Soccer Press Association will make their 1987 Awards at a special Dinner on Thursday October 29th at Sydney's Apia Soccer Club.

In all, this year the NSW Branch of ASPA has doubled the number of awards to a total of four.

Two senior award winners for Player Of the Year and one each for the West End National League and the NSW State Bank Soccer League will be named.

Two Under 21 Awards for Player Of the Year will also be made, one from each competition.

Special trophies manufactured by Ambassador Trophies of Croydon in Sydney will be presented. The two senior Award winners will each receive the latest model bar compact-refrigerator for their drinking needs during the off-season from Lemair (Aust) Pty Ltd.

Lemair's National Product sales manager, Mr Harry Marr, told me last night: "We are again very proud that our Company has been selected to sponsor the 1987 Awards made by the Soccer Press of NSW."

"Last year's winner, Graham Arnold, proved a very popular choice and he went on to also win the

National award."

The two Under 21 Award recipients will also be presented with Ambassador trophies,

Farnsworth.

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GRAHAM ARNOLD — last year's ASPA winner.

plus a Lemair radio cassette portable stereo unit.

And with votes coming in thick and fast from both the print and electronic media, already some names have rocketed to the top of the list.

Steve O'Connor, Vicente Estavillo, Arno Bertogna, Tony Henderson, Zarko Odzakov, Frank Farina and Peter Tredinnick have all polled very strongly over the past 10 days.

In the Under 21 section of the West-End NSL, Geoff Gunning, Scott Ollerenshaw, Robbie Hooker, Craig Moffitt, Mark Jones and Abas Saad have pulled well away from the rest so far.

The NSW State Bank Soccer League division sees Melita Eagles' Ean Rodrigues and Wollongong City's Jeff Ainsworth strongly chasing Uruguay-Penrith's Aitec Genc.

Blacktown City's powerful centre-back Kurt Reynolds again scored valuable votes this week, applying pressure to leaders Zlatko Arambasic from Canterbury Marrickville Olympic and Melia Eagles' Andrew Callanan.

This award was taken out last year by Melita Eagles' Wayne

at the Apia Soccer Club. Bookings can only be made this week by phoning me on 660 2033.

Warm up

IF Adelaide Hellas make it into the West End National League for next season they will have an excellent warm-up.

The Fairmont Cup \$15,000 challenge against Adelaide City has been postponed until January, when the two legs will be used as pipe-openers to the club's N.S.L. campaigns and the local Ampol Cup series.

Bugsy's race

ADELAIDE City veteran captain Bugsy Nyskohus is now racing time to get fit for next season.

The 37-year-old defender requires an ankle operation but coach Zoran Matic, appointed for another two years, has ordered a November 25 start to the 1988 training.

"I'll just have to count on the surgeon being able to fit me in on schedule," said Nyskohus, who has promised City one more year as sweeper before he does hang up his boots.



ARNOLD GOALS FOR VICTORY

BY LES SHORROCK

SYDNEY CROATIA rounded off a miserable season for Melbourne when it deservedly won the Beach Fashions Cup on Sunday 1-0 to give an aggregate margin of 2-0 over two legs.

The game was an absolute flop from a spectator's point of view, not that there were many of those.

I never thought I would live to see the day when a mere 3000-4000 would turn up to see South Melbourne in a cup final.

And the South players themselves must have thought they were playing away from home, because the majority of the crowd was wholeheartedly behind Sydney Croatia.

And to make matters worse in a desperate effort to fill the ground, 900 tickets were given away, leaving only 3000 who paid.

Melbourne now has a highly paid publicity man to promote the game. His ideas for Sunday included parachutists dressed like players, and a 100 metres sprint for NSL players won by Andrew Zinni.

When are the people now administering the game whom I consider to be inept going to wake up to the fact that only skill brings people threw the turnstiles?

As to the game itself, South was never in it. For some illogical reason that eludes me South coach Brian Garvey elected to make Gary McDowall the minder for Zarko Odzakov. He minded him alright until the 59th minute when Odzakov made the goal.

But in any case the Sydney side had too many trumps, like Wally Savor who was great, Mark Jones and Graham

Arnold — not to mention Ginger Meggs himself, Robbie Slater.

The goal that killed off South matched the game in that it was a scramble and a comedy of errors.

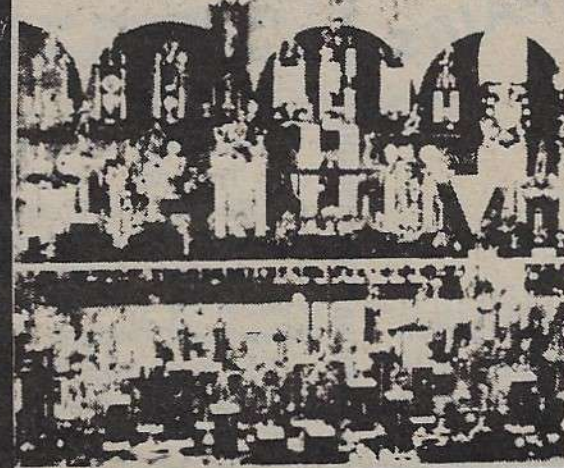
Odzakov broke down the left, neared the penalty area, passed inside but it bounced back to him off a defender so he went on to the byline where his cross cannoned off Arnold to Laumets and back again to Arnold who gratefully pushed it home.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Anezakis, Blair, Miranda (Tasios 72), McDowall, Wade, Crainie, Wright, Egan. **SYDNEY CROATIA:** Woodhouse, Rezo, Jennings, Vlietstra, Rozic, Slater, Savor, Arnold, Jones, Rumora, Odzakov.

The Sydney Croatia side celebrate their Cup victory in this Les Shorrock pic.

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CHASM IN DOCKERTY CUP

By LES SHORROCK

THE inevitable conclusion that has to be drawn from the weekend's Dockerty Cup round is that the gap between the NSL and State League clubs in Victoria has become a yawning chasm.

Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus and Heidelberg all recorded decisive wins. Footscray could also have won by a big margin, but its poor finishing let it down.

Whilst Croydon City and St.Albans both beat NSL opposition, it has to be said that their opponents had other matters on their minds.

FOOTSCRAY v MORWELL

Morwell Falcons showed scant respect for their NSL opposition and kept the Blues at bay throughout the first half without much effort.

But it was a different story in the second half. After first Graham Tutill and then John O'Callaghan had limped off, Falcons stopped to a walk, and Footscray took over.

But despite forcing 16 corners to its opponent's one Footscray was unable to turn its superiority into goals. It even missed a penalty. Its goalkeeper, Zoran Nikitovic, usually so deadly from the spot, blasted this one over the bar, but Falcons' reprieve was short-lived.

In the 77th minute, Zoran Dimitrijevic, play-

ing in his last match before returning to Yugoslavia, headed powerfully past Romeo Prezioso following a corner.

Falcons almost got back into the game near the end, but Harry Bingham failed to connect with a cross from Eric Sostak.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, James, van Egmond, Dimitrijevic, Murphy, Curovic, Campbell, Spink, Crino, Deankovic.

MORWELL: Prezioso, M.Cassar, Tutill (Gotis 55th), Clark, Bruns, Doyle, E.Cassar, O'Callaghan (White 65th), Bingham, Bezzina, Sostak.

JUVENTUS v FAWKNER

This all Italian affair had looked the most promising tie of the round, given Fawkner's good showing in the State League, but in the event it turned into a rout.

In all fairness, Fawkner had five first team players missing through injury or suspension.

But it is also fair to add that Juventus was also without Sean Lane, Anthony Grbac and of course its general, John Yzendoorn.

Juventus started off very brightly and was 4-0 up after only 18 minutes. Brian Brown began the avalanche when he rose

at the far post to head home a Scott Patterson corner.

Then Fabio Incantalupo scored a wonderful goal with a shot from fully 25 metres that skimmed the turf and exploded into the corner of the Fawkner net like an Exocet missile.

Joe Palatsides scrambled the ball over the line in a goalmouth melee, and then Incantalupo got on the score-sheet again as he converted a penalty.

That made the half-time score 4-0, and after the interval Juventus seemed unconcerned about adding to it.

Andrew Zinni's pace was giving the Fawkner defence a worrying time and gradually Juve increased the pressure.

Vlatko Belic walked past two defenders and put Mehmet Durakovic clear for number five and then Palatsides completed his hat-trick in the 67th and 80th minutes.

Fawkner by then was completely down and out, and only glaring misses by Frank McGrellis, Zinni and Incantalupo saved them from a humiliating double-figure rout.

At the end of the game, Joe Palatsides wanted to claim the match ball as a souvenir of his hat-trick, but it belonged to the host club, South Melbourne, who wouldn't part with it.

So Juve team manager Joe Caruso eventually gave South a new ball in exchange and Joey got his ball.

JUVENTUS: Marama, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Belic, Cullen, Incantalupo, Patterson, Zinni, Palatsides, McGrellis.

FAWKNER: Kasimis, Ferla, Bordignon, Fattore, Schipano, Sabatino, Palinkas, Mancinelli, Tuffield, Rizza, Chiavelli.

SATURDAY DRAW: Draw for the quarter-finals to be played this Saturday: Juventus v Croydon City at 1.30pm, followed by Melbourne Croatia v South Melbourne or Broadmeadows, at Middle Park; Green Gully v Footscray at 1.30pm, followed by St.Albans v Heidelberg at Olympic Village.



But where is the ball? Fawkner goalkeeper Charlie Kasimis has punched the ball to safety, just ahead of Juve's Andrew Zinni. Photo: LES SHORROCK.

Victorian Presentation

THE Best & Fairest Awards for season 1987 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Leagues on Thursday October 22, at the Diplomat Motor Inn, St. Kilda at 8.00 pm.

The successful players were:

DIVISION ONE: Carlos Retre (South Melbourne Mordialloc) 23 votes. **DIVISION TWO:** Joe Picioane (Westgate) 30 votes. **DIVISION THREE:** Gustavo Alfonso (West Brunswick) 30 votes. **DIVISION FOUR:** Periklis Belegirinos (Pascoe Vale) 17 votes.

MONASH SUCCESS

MONASH University emerged as victors in the inaugural University Challenge tournament held in Melbourne on October 10/11.

The outstanding fixture in this triangular competition saw Monash play hosts to Adelaide University.

The visitors started in brilliant fashion and grabbed two early goals, but Monash clawed their way back into the match to finally take the game 4-3.

Monash clinched the Challenge Shield with a 3-1 win over close rivals Melbourne University. Finally, Adelaide gained some consolation with a comfortable 5-1 win over Melbourne University.

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Morwell's Harry Bingham holds off Footscray's Tyrone James. Photo: LES SHORROCK.

ITALIAN JUNIOR CUP TOPS IN BRUNSWICK

FROM ROCKY DI ZIO

SUPPORTERS of junior Soccer football in Melbourne can get a big kick from the 9th Junior Italian Cup, which is under way at Summer Park Brunswick.

The organisers are fortunate to have Prima Furniture as tournament sponsors.

Up to 1400 players are taking part, drawn from 16 clubs and 76 teams - no mean effort.

Games are being played every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (at night under lights), Saturday and Sunday until Friday 13th November.

There will be a break of one week (also to allow everybody to concentrate on the Adelaide Grand Prix) and finals will be played the following weekend, November 21st/22nd.

The final day, Sunday 22nd November, will be a "spectacular" with most of the 1,400 players taking part. Ages of players go from U9 to U18. Admission is free and everybody welcome.

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MELBOURNE COACHES MERRY-GO-ROUND

By GREG BLAKE

WITH the same inevitability as Christmas, and coming at around the same time to boot, what is commonly known as the silly season is nigh.

That's when the annual coaching round-about begins and you can be sure things won't be any different in this approaching close season.

Just who'll get the jobs and who'll be crying poor is not yet clear, but you can be certain there'll be some changes.

And once again the call for new blood in the NSL coaching ranks has gone up.

The dismal failure of most of Melbourne's NSL outfits in this year's competition has increased the pressure on clubs to look outside established coaching circles for likely candidates.

Len McKendry, John Margaritis, Peter Ollerton and Brian Garvey have all done the rounds, and are at least at their second club as first team supremo.

Preston Makedonia has set the precedent both with current coach Ernie Merrick and the man he replaced, Bill Murray.

Murray took Preston to within minutes of a memorable Southern Division and Cup double in his first full season back in 1985 - it was his first try in NSL ranks.

Similarly Merrick is into the big league for the first time and the tearaway success of his charges has added fuel to the raging debate about introducing some new faces.

Two names often mentioned as potential NSL first team bosses are those of Mike Lynn and Dave O'Connor.

Both have recently resigned from coaching positions in the Victorian State League - O'Connor from Morwell Falcons and Lynn from Thomastown - and both have strong views on the topic of NSL quality coaches.

O'Connor maintains that Melbourne's NSL clubs run a "closed shop" and steadfastly refuse to give the new breed a chance.

Lynn says there just

aren't the quality coaches available to fill the vacancies.

The question marks remain, and until the new blood is given a chance any discussion is purely academic.

Should NSL clubs threaten their chances by throwing the untried novice to the wolves?

A spent force, Jim Rooney has had a short stint with Heidelberg and has done a marvellous job with the George Cross juniors.

There is Miron Bleiberg, ex-Victorian representative, and the current assistant at South Melbourne, Steve Short.

All those names and

In all that time O'Connor was allowed to sign just two players, and he says "Morwell was going nowhere".

He added: "I'm ambitious and I've gone just about as far as I can with this squad."

"I really would like the chance to get into the NSL now because I be-

lieve it's about time clubs started to take a gamble."

O'Connor certainly has the qualifications with senior coaching badges and coaching and playing experience at Pan Hellenic, Canberra, Brisbane Lions, Preston Makedonia, Sunshine City, Morwell Falcons and Broadmeadows.

Mike Lynn is one of the most respected names in Victorian Soccer and his name has often been mentioned when National League jobs are up for grabs.

He recently quit his coaching post at State League Thomastown.

Intelligent and deep thinking, Lynn believes NSL coaching potential in the local ranks leaves plenty to be desired.

"I don't think coaches continuing to go around and around from job to job should continue to get NSL jobs", he says.

"But then again I don't think there are a great deal of very good coaches around to replace them."

"Going on results alone then perhaps there should be some more new coaches in but many of the new boys don't

know how to play Soccer politics. For that reason alone they'll stay on the outer."

"They are not aware that this is an integral part of the game here in Melbourne, and you really have to look to Sydney for a more professional outlook by clubs."

"I can understand the club's resistance to introducing new faces but having said that there are some around, Jim William, Steve Short and Pat Bannon for example, who I think could do an excellent job."

Lynn himself is not in the running.

It's not that he hasn't been asked - he has on more than one occasion but has had to knock back the chance.

"If the game was full time professional and administered in a professional manner I'd love to do it", Lynn explained.

"But as things stand I couldn't get involved with it and do it justice - not with the lifestyle and job I've currently got."

"The way I coach to do the job properly one needs to take plenty of time. The way things are, three or four nights train-

ing are not possible for me."

"I could't do the job haphazardly."

"If you enjoy coaching - and I certainly do - I'd enjoy doing it at the highest level but at the moment that's just not possible."

MELBOURNE NSL COACHING ROSTER:

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BRUNSWICK: J Margaritis 1984-85, T Traynor 1985, L McKendry 1986-87. HEIDELBERG: J Adam 1977, T Boggi 1977-78, J Margaritis 1978-79, M Poulakakis 1979, L McKendry 1979-80, P Bannon 1981, J Rooney 1981, L McKendry 1981-82, K Morton 1983, J Tansey 1983, B Garvey 1984-86, R McLaren 1987, J Margaritis 1987.

SUNSHINE: T Traynor 1984, W Wilkinson 1984, J Gardiner 1985-86.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: M Poulakakis 1977, J Margaritis 1977, T Xanthopoulos 1977, D McLaren 1978-79, D MacKay 1979, J Margaritis 1979-82, T Docherty 1982, R Rasic 1983, L McKendry 1983-85, J Margaritis 1986, B Garvey 1987.

PRESTON: B Edgley 1981, P Ollerton 1981-84, F McAleer 1984, W Murray 1985-87, E Merrick 1987.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: T Hennessey 1984, T Cumming 1984, T Vrzina 1984, D Kapetanovic 1985, T Cumming 1985, M Bleiberg 1986, T Hennessey 1986-87, P Ollerton 1987.



A sight to make any goalkeeper quake in his boots ... Gus McLeod heading for another Green Gully goal, hotly pursued by Sunshine's Steve Ellis.

Rob Nelson has taken North Dandenong to Victorian League success before moving on to lift Polonia to a State League championship in 1987.

Big Gus MacLeod, was I believe disgracefully sacked by Green Gully, but he has the guile and experience to bolster any NSL outfit.

Bill Murray surely isn't

more have been bandied about as possible NSL bosses with potential.

Should they be given the chance when jobs are available, as they no doubt will be over the silly season?

Dave O'Connor says a most emphatic yes.

O'Connor, who quit Morewell recently after his second stint at the club, believes no one is willing to give younger coaches the chance.

"To coach in the NSL has been number one on my list of priorities for a while but I believe it's a closed shop", he said.

"Anyone can be a good coach with a cheque book but I can stand on my record at Morwell, and having achieved what I did relying on the local talent."

O'Connor resigned from Morwell in disgust following two years of frustrations at the Victorian Latrobe Valley club.

lieve I can do the job.



Jimmy Rooney

"It might be a gamble to take on a young coach (O'Connor is 34) but I be-



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BRAZILIAN MAGIC BUILDS UP QATAR

JOHNNY WARREN WRITES

TWO years ago I spent the most enjoyable two months of my life with the Flamengo Club in Rio de Janeiro.

Flamengo, Zico's club, of course is one of the many world famous clubs in beautiful Rio, Fluminense, Botafogo and Vasco being among the others.

During my stay my host was one of Brazil's outstanding young coaches, Professor William Lawson, who now works in Qatar as part of the army of Brazilian coaches revolutionising the game in that tiny Gulf country.

One of Lawson's most talented youngsters two years ago is the now world famous Josimar.

An approach to authorities in Australia to get Lawson here for a spell fell on deaf ears and now Lawson, like many other ambitious Brazilian coaches, is seeking fame and fortune in Qatar.

Lawson sent me the following article on their activities in Qatar...

**SAINT JOHN,
New Brunswick**

— money may not be able to buy happiness, but it certainly can bring international acclaim to a tiny Middle Eastern nation, Qatar.

Qatar's success internationally, particularly at the youth level, has been nothing short of amazing, considering it has a population of 300,000 and only 800 registered Soccer players.

Qatar's quick rise has a viable reason behind it — money, as in lots of it. Rich oil revenues, Qatar has become the mouse that roared in the global Soccer community.

"There are unlimited



ZICO (Brazilian great)

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financial resources," said Jorge Ramos, who was the Qatari liaison officer during the under 16 championships. "They can get the best facilities, hire the best coaches, have team doctors, masseurs... everything that is needed."

Since 1981, Qatar has:

- Reached the final of the under 20 world tournament in Australia, where it lost to West Germany, 4-0.

- Qualified for the 1984 Summer Olympics.

- Qualified for the U16 tournament in China in 1985.

- Reached the quarter-finals of this year's U16 event.

In the first round, Qatar defeated Egypt 1-0 and Canada 2-1, and tied Italy, the eventual fourth-place team, 1-1. It finally lost to Ivory Coast 3-0.

Its transformation from just another of 158 countries playing Soccer to respected upstart started in 1979, when it brought over about 30 Brazilian coaches to teach the sport to its youth. Its Soccer program had been run primarily by Egyptian and English instructors.

"When I first went there, they had wild individual players," said Ramos, a Brazilian native now living in the Washington, D.C. area.

"Now they play with their brains, too, and not just their hearts."

Luring coaches to a small, desert country is no easy task, but the Qataris offered lucrative incentives. The most successful coaches are paid as much as \$15,000 a month (the country's average income is \$40,000 a year), plus expenses, apartments and cars. Really big success could mean other gifts, such as gold watches and diamonds.

"No one believed in Qatar before," said Qatar coach Humberto

Redes. "Now Qatar grows. This is good for the next competition."

Redes is one of several Brazilian coaches toiling in the country. He has been there for 14 months.

"Money doesn't make any of this successful," Redes. "You need to have good players too."

Thanks to its money, Qatar has been able to go against the grain on and off the field. The U16 team arrived in Canada on June 12 — exactly a

Queensland

ACACIA'S CHARITY DAY A SUCCESS

ACACIA RIDGE past and present retained the Mach 1 trophy at Queensland Soccer's annual charity day at Proud Field last week.

The Ridge side, comprising players with the club or who had previously played in the royal blue, beat a Brisbane select side 2-1.

The match featured a fine array of talent. The Ridge team included players of the calibre of Brett Beves, Andrew Butchard, Colin Burley, Stu Holmes, John Gillespie and Brad Ryan, and the Brisbane team boasted Queensland representatives Martin Kirsopp, Ron Millman, Mark Brusasco and Kim Wishart and a special guest appearance by Coalstars coach Brian Styles.

The match was an Australian Soccer farewell for the Ridge's popular Irish striker, Roy Smyth, who leaves next month to take up a two year contract with Linfield.

The fund raising day program also featured the annual Media versus Referees clash with the powerful media team winning for the second consecutive year.

Gold Coast Bulletin journo Don Hawthorne, who plays XXXX League with Redlands, starred for the media and scored the first goal while John Mulvey, father of North Star pair Mick and Phil, also netted.

Newly crowned Referee of the Year, Tony Slater, scored for the black and whites.

All monies raised went to the Mach 1 centre for the handicapped.

— GREG RUSSELL

month before the opening game, to acclimate its players to the country.

"There are two reasons — the weather and the time difference," Redes said. "It's a seven-hour difference here. It's better to come before for the players to adapt to the conditions."

When it travelled to face Ivory Coast in the quarter-finals, Qatar bought up 500 tickets and gave them out to the public for free, in an attempt to conjure up support.

If it continues its progress, Qatar most likely will be heard from again in international quarters.



THE Brazilian way at a World Cup. Qatar's preparation is similar on the field if not off!

MATCH OF THE DAY

PERHAPS to settle some arguments here is the "league table" for 1987 of appearances on SBS TV's Match of the Day programme...

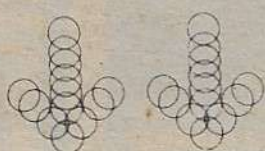
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6PR RADIO SESSION

FOR Soccer fans in Western Australia I have started a weekly ten minute segment with Gary Carvolth of 6PR Perth. It goes to air on their Sport and Talk station between 4 and 6pm every Monday. The segment will be a wrap-up on all the Soccer news from the "east" plus Australia's international involvement, especially with the Winfield Soccerroos.

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HAVE THE PLAQUES DECAYED?

By Frank Coletta

LATE last season as Australia prepared to take on Czechoslovakia at the Parramatta Stadium, 'Jinky' Joe Watson was awarded his commemorative plaque for having played over 20 matches for the Socceroos and in turn serving his country with distinction.

But that is where the awards, as far as Sydney based Socceroos goes, ended.

And one former great, notably Atti Abonyi, is far from impressed.

When ASW caught up with Atti, during a break from his insurance broking job and role as St. George assistant coach, he had this to say.

"To say that I and many of the other Sydney boys are disappointed is to understate the fact.

"We were told last season that all Socceroos who had represented the country over 20 times would receive a plaque to honour such an achievement. But nothing.

"What irks the fellows

from Sydney more than anything is that several of the Melbourne guys have received the awards. Not that we hold it against them of course, but is that supposed to mean something?" he queried.

Abonyi added that he wished the situation would be taken care of, sooner than later.

Meantime Abonyi stated that the successful season St. George have had proved his and Frank Arok's belief in the youth at the club.

"To be totally realistic though," he claimed, "at seasons start we would have been ridiculed to suggest that the side would finish in the



ATTI ABONYI

top five, let alone second! "And to be totally honest I thought we'd do well to finish mid-table."

So the inevitable question, why the success?

"The youngsters have applied themselves marvellously, from go to woe. It's a credit to the determination and skill they have. Some of the other tall poppies would have learnt a lesson or two from the Saints this year, I'd say.

"I believe that the emergence of this young team is a great thing for our national Soccer game all over. The majority of the side have been

brought up through the youth leagues and have taken the club to equal second, quite a fantastic effort and I hope we can go on with it," ended Abonyi.

NSW executive director Ian Holmes advises that the delay in presentation to NSW Socceroos is regretted. "We took the view that it would be better to present them before one of next year's big internationals, rather at this year's finals. In this way the players will receive due but delayed recognition from a huge crowd of Soccer supporters," he explained.

The Players' Choice

ON November the 10th the plush Sheraton-Wentworth will play host to the annual National League dinner, Frank Coletta investigates...

IT was the gala night of the year in 1986 and thanks to the National League players, it will be even bigger in '87.

That's the story of the WENSL Dinner. Last year SBSTV covered the event, which was held at Sydney's Regent, and will do the same again with a great fanfare at the Sheraton Wentworth.



STEFAN KAMASZ

For the players the big attraction last time round was the fact that the evening saw invitations extended to the female gender. A bugbear of most journalists and officials in the past was the fact that they were unable to bring along any companionship. This is not so

with the Players' Player of the Year night.

Another welcome addition is a more social touch to the night, with a live band and dancing.

Special guest will be Lord Wedgewood, who will present a special award to the person the Wedgewood Company (sponsors of the night's awards) believes has contributed most to the national league over the 10 years spanning 1977 to this season.

There will be an honoured guest, yet to be announced, and as last year when comedian Brian Doyle proved such a hit, there will be a laugh-man on stage once more.

SBS will cover the main awards between 8.30 and 9.00pm and will provide highlights of the whole function at the same timeslot the following night (Wednesday).



TERRY GREEDY

Much thanks for the arranging will go to former Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy, says NSL executive director Stefan Kamasz. "It will prove a monumental night and Terry has had as much as any to do with the organisation of it.

"The change to the players' player of the year and the coaches' coach of the year is a favourable one among all the Soccer fraternity."

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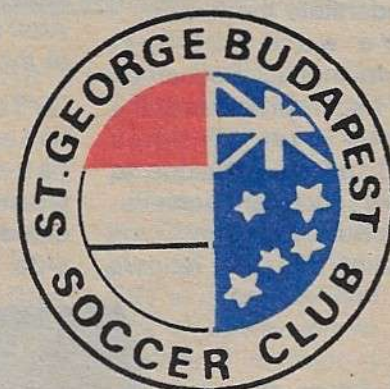
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NEW HELMSMAN IN LIONS DEN

ONE of the most challenging jobs in Australian Soccer could be up for grabs next week.

If Brisbane Lions can clinch NSL promotion in the return leg against West Adelaide Hellas at Richlands on Sunday, the club is expected to advertise for a 1988 coach.

Whoever takes over the helm of the Brisbane club will have less than 80 days to prepare a squad capable of competing in the national competition, a daunting but exciting task for the right person.

While many prominent Queensland coaches have been linked to the Lions job, the club was reluctant to consider the issue while key matches in this season still remained.

Current coach Gordon Arrowsmith has done a tremendous job to get the Richlands team this far, but he had made it clear he is not interested in the position next season in the NSL, if the club goes ahead with plans to make a fulltime appointment.

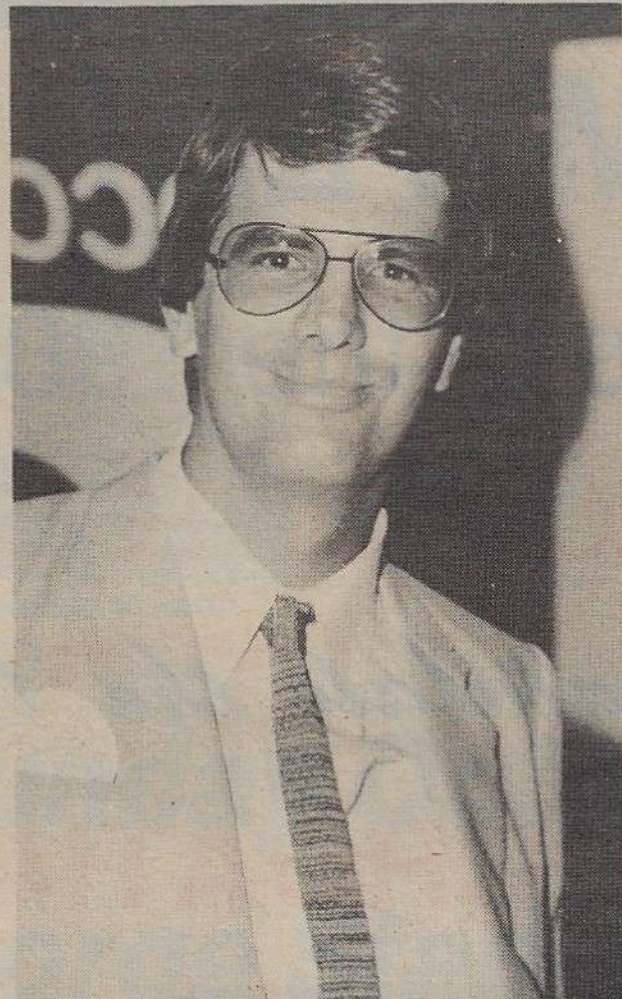
But even those plans are still not finalised.

"To be fair to everyone concerned, the committee felt it could not appoint a coach for 1988 until we knew exactly where we would be playing," said Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk.

"We have had preliminary talks with most players so we know their intentions for next season and whoever takes over will get a full summary."

"But I think, depending on what happens this weekend, we might advertise and see who applies."

In holding off on a coaching decision, Lions certainly have seen their options dwindle away. A number of unsettled local coaches already been snapped up by rivals clubs while XXXX League officials are moving quickly to re-sign their stars before an expected talent onslaught by Lions



LAWRENCE OUDENDYK

should they make the NSL.

Azzurri Brisbane City captain and newly crowned Queensland player of the year Frank Mengotti, Mount Gravatt's Queensland mid-

fielder Martin Kirsopp and rugged Ipswich United striker Peter Vogler, an Australian baseball international, are understood to be among those to come under the Lion's eye.

STEVE PERRY TO STAY AT REDLANDS

FORMER Soccerroo Steve Perry is expected to be re-appointed this week as coach of XXXX League side Redlands United.

Perry was player-coach with the Bayside club this season but indicated at the end of the fixtures that he may not seek the position again.

But Redlands president Dick Karreman is understood to have been working doggedly in recent weeks to convince Perry to return. It is understood the former Azzurri sweeper has now signed a two year contract.

Perry did a marvellous job with the Baysiders, guiding them to a comfortable eighth place in their first season back in top company, and that was done with the barest of squads.

If Perry returns to the Showgrounds next year, he is certain to strengthen the squad to ensure 1988 is not a battle against relegation, as was much of this season.

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MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has called on coaches to take a more responsible attitude next season.

In addressing the 180 strong gathering at the Queensland Soccer Press Association awards dinner, Brusasco said coaches must be more mindful of their role in the development of Australian soccer.

He soundly criticised those coaches whose attacks on referees sparked a major furore in Queensland this season.

"Coaches must realise that their job is much more than just putting a team on the park. Their role in the game is every bit as important as that of the players and the administrators. "It is time they began to show more responsibility in their actions and their statements," Brusasco said.

After watching a crowd of more than 6,000 attend the recent Queensland XXXX League grand final, Brusasco had no hesitation in labelling the season the "best in years".

"We now have a solid base and a saleable product which will enable us to compete with the other codes," he said.

And while he wished Brisbane Lions well in the NSL promotion series against West Adelaide,

IAN BRUSASCO — Queensland Soccer Federation president has called on coaches to adopt a more responsible attitude from next season on.



he conceded the QSF's job of maintaining the current resurgence in the game would be markedly more difficult if the state's top side went into the NSL.

"I just hope for Brisbane Lions' sake that the NSL does the right thing by them," Brusasco said.

In his warmly received address Brusasco also touched on two subjects which still are raw nerves north of the Tweed. In speaking of the decision to overlook Bruce Stowell for the national Under 16 coaching job and his own axing as ASF vice-presi-

dent, Brusasco warned: "The wheel will turn for Bruce and it will turn for me if I want it to."

Brusasco presented the Coach of the Year trophy to Azzurri Brisbane City's Juan Cutillas who was a popular winner.

Azzurri captain Frank Mengotti was voted Player of the Year while Eastern Suburbs teenager Scott Playle, now playing in the Glasgow Rangers reserves, was picked as Rookie of the Year.

Coalstars' hard working midfielder Andy Ogden was the inaugural Queensland Players' Player of the Year.

SHANE HADDOW'S ANZ AWARD WIN

OUTSTANDING young North Star midfielder Shane Haddow has been named as the ANZ Queensland Colt of the year.

The 17-year-old State Youth Team member won the \$1000 award from 38 talented nominations. Haddow received a prestigious trophy and a \$1000 ANZ High Performance Passbook Account.

Haddow, a former Maryborough player who came to Brisbane to study this year, has represented Queensland at Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and Youth (18) level and is a member of the North Star XXXX League team squad.

"All 38 nominations were top class youth players and pushed Shane all the way," said QSF president Ian Brusasco.

Haddow was presented with his trophy and account on grand final day. ANZ Queensland marketing manager. Mr Peter Hall made the presentation on behalf of Queensland general manager, Bernie Dawson.

"Shane Haddow has had a great season on

as an exciting young player "who has the ability to continue at the highest level and ultimately achieve senior state and international representative honours".

"Through consistent performances in reserve grade, Shane forced his way into the North Star top team midway through the season and has maintained his position in the first team squad," said Haddow's club coach Iain Fagan.

Others who must have come under strong consideration for the colt award included Australian Under 16 representative Darren Freiberg, Lions goalkeeper Jason Kearton and Wide Bay defender Mark Geritz.

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BULLI'S \$150,000 GRANT

ONE of the great tragedies of Illawarra soccer will be put right at the start of next season when Bulli returns to Ball's Paddock.

A grant of \$150,000 from developers Coles-Myer means Bulli can return to their old home ground after five seasons.

It also means Soccer will return to what has long been known as the home of the sport in the region.

Called Woonona Oval in recent years, the ground was base for Woonona in the great days of the State League and also housed the mighty South Coast United team of the 1960's.

Tragically the ground was bulldozed in 1982 when developers bought the land from a brewery to develop a large shopping centre.

Since then a controversy has raged

among residents, Wollongong City Council, developers and the Soccer club.

The original developer was David Isaac but in the middle of the controversy he sold out to Coles-Myer.

No work has started on any shopping centre but the company has provided Bulli with money to keep faith with the original promise that they would have a Soccer complex.

The new complex will be slightly to the north-west of the original ground but is going to be a real showpiece.

Bulli president Graham Baker said his club has already cleared the land, erected a perimeter fence

around the playing area and erected goalposts.

He said before the start of next season floodlights will be erected and they will be the best in the district and amenities will be first class.

"We have waited a long time but it is now going to be worthwhile," Baker said.

"With this complex ready for the start of next season we will be the envy of all clubs in Illawarra.

"It will definitely be ready to go by the time we play our first home game."

The \$150,000 will be paid in one lump sum and will enable Bulli to adopt a new image.

They are one of the few Illawarra clubs who don't pay players but although they have made no announcement on this things could change.

This means new coach John Frew will be able to attract new players to join his squad on the brand new ground.

For the last five seasons Bulli have played their home games at Slacky Flat, in the centre

of the Bulli greyhound and trotting tracks.

This was not a suitable venue for Soccer but Baker said the new ground will be a real Soccer venue.

He said people such as Wollongong Council Alderman Brian Tobin,

Lord Mayor Ald Frank Arkell and Council staff have helped a lot.

"They did all they could to help us get the ground and we have lost count of the number of meeting we attended over the years," Baker said.

YOUTH PROFILE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NAME: Andrew Petterson

BIRTHDATE: 26.9.69

HOME: Perth WA

PRESENT CLUB: East Fremantle Tricolore

PRESENT COACHES: Frank Schaper

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Tricolore

PREVIOUS COACHES: Mick Leigh, Ron Tindall, John O'Connell.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper.

REP HONOURS: State U16's, U18's, U19's teams.

OTHER HONOURS: League and Cup Winners.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Dalglish, Southall.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OR MATCH:

Winning National Youth Championships 1986.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped from Tricolore 1st team.

OTHER SPORTS: Wind surfing, tennis.

1987 AIMS: To stay in Tricolore 1st team.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To play in as high a standard of soccer as possible.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad, John O'Connell.

JOHN WARD'S OPINION: Andrew is by far the best goalkeeper of his age in WA. He is brave and competes well and is an ideal size for a goalkeeper. He is playing State League regularly - sometime he palms the ball when catching. He has a good attitude and works at his game.

ILLAWARRA

with
PHIL MURPHY

CROATIA COLLECT TRIFECTA

By PHIL MURPHY

SOUTH Coast Croatia capped off a magnificent season when they beat Deakin Croatia 3-2 in the second leg of the \$8000 Ampol Cup Soccer Final at Corrimal on Sunday.

The club had now completed the trifecta of the ISA Championship, the Grand Final and the Ampol Cup.

After the teams had drawn in the first leg in Canberra a week earlier, the South Coast team looked set to blitz the visitors in the opening stages.

Looking faster to the ball and a lot more composed in midfield, Croatia carved out three top scoring chances in the opening 15 minutes.

To that stage all they had to show for their domination was a goal from midfielder and coach Neil Williams - but it was a gem.

Mirko Sola and Ivan Sovrano created the opening for Williams and he hammered a 25-metre drive into the roof of the Deakin net.

Deakin gradually recovered from their slow start and drew level through striker John Forover after 31 minutes.

They switched play quickly to create space on the right for the elusive Forova and he sent a swerving angled shot past goalkeeper Craig Broughton.

Eight minutes later, Deakin was awarded a penalty when Andrew Glackin pulled down Forava but the teenager Tony Lemdzina fired his kick wide of the left upright.

Croatia regained their lead when striker Joe Coelho netted from the penalty spot with the last kick of the first half.

Canberra based referee Bob Marshall seemed a little harsh on Deakin when he pointed to the spot after Zoran Goavinic appeared to obstruct Max Bettoncelli.

Coelho made no mistake with his spot kick but it was Deakin who came out looking more determined in the second half.

They put plenty of pressure on the home team's back four before gaining a second penalty kick with only 15 minutes left.

This time hard-working midfielder Stan Dukic was given the job and made no mistake with a low drive.

After 80 minutes it was left to Sola to grab the winner after a classic build-up involving Nicky Greathead and Sovrano.

Fullback Greathead took the ball from Forova deep in his own half, made ground quickly up the left and released Sovrano with a perfect pass inside the fullback.

Sovrano in turn switched the ball wide to Sola on the right and he unleashed a fine 25-metre drive which gave goalkeeper Frank Reising no chance.

Deakin could have suffered through having key defender Jim Harkins out injured, but assistant coach Ivan Gruicic said that was no real excuse.

"We were beaten by a better team and it was a fine game," Gruicic said.

Gruicic also praised referee Marshall for his

control and ability to keep the game flowing.

Williams said Croatia had done what everyone thought was impossible - winning the ISA Championship, Grand Final and Ampol Cup.

"These players have been magnificent all season and deserve to be successful," Williams said.



STAN DUKIC

"We have overcome quite a few problems and new players have been drafted in at times but they have always had a taste for success."

Illawarra president George Naylor said the inaugural Ampol Cup series has been an unqualified winner.

He said it was fitting that the final should have attracted such a big crowd and been so entertaining. "I feel the sponsors have gained real value," Naylor said.

SOUTH COAST CROATIA: Broughton, Grasa, Greathead, Mondolo, Skender, Williams, Sola, Glackin, Soelho, Bettoncelli, Sovrano.

DEAKIN CROATIA: Reising, Glavinic, Salgado, Santolin, Dukic, Lustica, Doherty, Forova, Trajanovski, Ujdur, Lemezina.

WOLVES NEW STRATEGY

THE advent of backer Harry Michaels is going to make life a lot tougher for the Wollongong City players who took part in the club's State Bank League triumphs this year.

Most have a very good chance of being in the Wolves' squad to go in to the West End National League but newcomers are going to make competition a lot stronger than they thought.

Michaels' initial injection of \$100,000 means coach John Fleming has a much wider range of players to choose from when he goes "shopping".

Fleming can go for players with a lot more experience and crowd pulling ability and this means some of this year's loyal squad may be moving on.

It isn't going to be an easy task for Fleming to decide who he will need to stay in his squad.

If he is able to attract four new faces for next season he will virtually have a senior squad of 20 players.

Fleming said all of this season's players seem interested in staying with the club.

"I haven't heard of one who will definitely be leaving us," he said.

"Naturally I won't be able to accommodate such a big squad but I want to see who is available to come here before talking about who I don't want.

"No-one thought we could go straight into the NSL and be competitive with the players who won the State League championship.

"Even before Michaels arrived at the club I knew I needed new faces but he has made

the club a more attractive proposition to a better class of player."

Fleming, Wolves' chairman Lawrie Kelly and Michaels had a long talk late last week on what their strategy will be over the next few weeks.

Fleming said he has been contacted by a number of players very keen to sign with the Wolves and Michaels also has a few "interesting names" in his dossier.

"I am also keen to see the full list of players who have been transfer listed

by their clubs when it is released," Fleming said.

Michaels' move to Wollongong has created tremendous interest in the city and 1988 should become a vintage year on the South Coast.

It will be the year the club takes over Brandon Park Stadium and they will be making money there before they play their first game.

Michaels is arranging a special fund raising concert at the ground and he is already in the process of booking some big names.

A large stage is being erected at the ground for the Pageant of Nations celebrations and the Wolves have arranged for the structure to remain there for their concert.

Initially the Wolves will play their home games at a new-look Wollongong Showground. The ground has been given a real face lift by Illawarra Steelers Rugby League Club in recent weeks.

When the Soccer club switches to Brandon Park the Showground will be used only for league and union matches.



PICTURE: Wolves' top goalscorer this season, Randall Easthorpe (left) in action. Easthorpe is keen to stay with the club and make his mark on the NSL in 1988. Picture: Illawarra Mercury.

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GOTHENBURG IN SYDNEY

THE NSW Soccer Federation is close to finalising a match against leading Swedish club IFK Gothenburg.

Vice-president George Dick said: "Agreement has been reached and now contracts have to be signed."

"Our aim is to play them on Sunday January 10 at Parramatta Stadium."

Gothenburg's tour takes in Singapore and New Zealand as well as Australia, with a holiday in Hawaii on the way home.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By TOM MCKAIN

A committee which was previously active in South Australia when the local Parliament attempted to ban all cigarette advertising allied to promotion of sport, has been revived.

Representing all major sports, and several minor ones, it is headed by S.A. Soccer Federation president Mr George Joseph.

He has agreed to lead the fight against the knockers of promotion by tobacco firms.

And following the first major meeting of the committee in Adelaide Mr Joseph hopes to enlist the help of sporting bodies throughout Australia.

"Many of our sports will die if the tobacco firms are banned from promoting sport, or advertising at our venues," he said.

"Once again a minority group, with a loud

A new signing

AS we went to press Adelaide City were the closest they have come to signing a new player for 1988.

Coach Zoran Matic admitted having spoken to Portuguese player Delfin who had trained with him last season.

The former Benfica junior, now 23, returned to Portugal, but has been back in Melbourne with relatives for four weeks.

If City can find him suitable employment he could be in their line-up for the kick-off next year.

RUSHY'S FUTURE STAR

NAME: Ian Ruchow.

BIRTHDATE: 15.8.71

HOME: Henley Beach South Australia.

PRESENT CLUB: Polonia Adelaide.

PRESENT COACHES: Barry Longshaw, Adam Karpinski.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Woodville, Adelaide City.

PREVIOUS COACHES: Gerry Slaap, Frank Miggaga, Terry Higgins, Jeff Napier.

FAVOURITE PLAYING POSITION: Centre Half.

POSITIONS PLAYED: Left Midfield, Sweeper, Striker, Right Fullback.

REP HONOURS: U15 South Australian team 1986.

OTHER HONOURS: Captain of Polonia U15 1986,

MLC Scholarship 1986, Best team man U15 1986, Most consistent 1985.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Tony Dorigo, Glenn Hoddle.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: vs West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being selected in U13 and 14 State teams.

OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, tennis.

GROUND FURORE

SOUTH Coast Croatia players made a strong move to have the second leg of their Ampol Cup final against Croatia Deakin switched from Memorial Park.

In the days leading up to the game, players met and at least two were keen to boycott the second leg if officials didn't change the venue.

While Deakin had the benefit of playing on their home ground Deakin Oval in the first leg, South Coast Croatia had to play on Corrimal's home ground.

One player revealed the discontent when he said it left his team at a disadvantage and was unfair to the club.

"We have a very good ground and a lot of people have worked hard over the years to establish it," the player said.

"It is wrong that the ISA put such an important game for my club at the ground of another Illawarra club."

"To start with Corrimal will make a lot of money out of us playing there and that money should be going into the pockets of South Coast Croatia."

"Corrimal didn't qualify for the Ampol Cup, we did, but they will get the benefit of us playing a leg of the final in Illawarra."

After urgent talks with ISA president George Naylor the game went ahead at Memorial Park.

SA AFRAID OF IMPROVEMENTS

SOMEONE, but few know who, is now willing to make a stand in South Australia for a super league or let the State League remain devoid of any continuous excitement.

By TOM MCKAIN

A meeting of eight clubs' representatives was called to force the issue of an eight-team super league, being promoted by the SA Soccer Federation Board, but rejected numerous times by clubs.

Or rather club representatives afraid of change.

Afraid of not being one of the "big boys" and also afraid of the West End National League.

Afraid of the unique position in S.A. where N.S.L. clubs are allowed to play in local leagues — First Division or Second Division — and afraid they themselves might win the First Division but not be able to move up into the national scene.

Soccer politics are as just as devious as those in the non-sporting world, but unfortunately too many officials are amateurs trying to be professionals.

Too many are not ambitious for themselves — unless it is made easy for them — or their clubs.

They want the status without having to strive for it, without having to spend money, or time, or effort.

But at the same time they expect the same media coverage as the N.S.L. clubs, and worst of all they expect players to perform miracles as "amateurs".

They also expect to attract fans but overlook the fact, that a 12-team First Division is stretching

finances, and perhaps more importantly, player strength, to breaking point.

Simply there are not enough top class players to go around 12 teams plus a national league side, or two, if Adelaide Hellas makes it back to the NSL, to again line up alongside Adelaide City.

We have said it before and must say it again, the Victorian State League clubs were cleaned up by the AIS youngsters last season, and the "boys" should have been declared the champions, not Maribyrnong Polonia.

Adelaide City has been crucified for fielding national league players in its Second Division team in S.A. so it could gain promotion to First Division.

There are now two camps, one which wants City (and Hellas if it qualifies) out of the local league altogether.

The other wants them in, but restricted to three N.S.L. players not on the N.S.L. playing card the previous week.

Now another group has emerged which no doubt includes City and Hellas

who want an eight-team super State League with clubs willing to pit themselves against the "giants" no matter who they field.

While nothing official has been said, we would say that City and Hellas (again if they qualify) would be willing to step down from the local scene and play in the Youth League as is done in Victoria and N.S.W. by the national clubs.

If this were to happen where would the challenge be for the other clubs, or the satisfaction?

Hellas was dropped out of the N.S.L. last season and lost Robbie Dunn, Gary Ward, Charlie Yankos, Andy Scott and Tim Brown.

But they still won the Rothmans League, the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup and the West End Premier Cup for the top eight teams this year.

The S.A.S.F. appears to be on the right track with their eight-team set-up, but unless they are brave enough to take a hard line with the clubs they will need the backing of the "revolutionaries" or have to be content to rule over mediocre leagues.

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INSTITUTE FOR NSW STATE BANK LEAGUE

THE Australian Institute of Sport will be admitted as a full member of the NSW State Bank Soccer League for next season.

The decision, made by the NSWFSF board, ends the uncertainties surrounding the future of the Institute as a training ground for some of the nation's best young players and allows coach Ron Smith and assistant Gary Cole to move ahead with plans to recruit new scholarship holders.

Smith said that the news had not really sunk in — "I just keep thinking that Christmas has come early."

"The great thing about this is that we know what our future is now rather than a couple of weeks before the new season. It will have a big influence on the age and standard of kids we can attract."

There are a number of strings attached to membership, the main ones being that the AIS must provide a reserve XI and pay the fares of any team it wishes to play in Canberra.

"Otherwise we have to play our home games at the NSW Federation headquarters at Parklea," Smith said.

"While it would be a pity not to have the AIS on show in Canberra as we did last season, our first responsibility is to provide top-class competition for the players here."

"If we can find the money to bring at least some of our home games

to the ACT all well and good."

The "reserve" team would be provided by the NSW Academy of Soccer, under Federation director of coaching Alan Vest, which already operates out of Parklea.

Smith said there was also an understanding that should the Institute win the competition it would not be promoted to

AIS to show wares

the NSL. "We have never sought NSL status and that arrangement is quite satisfactory to us."

A spokesperson for the Federation said from Sydney that a decision how to accommodate the AIS within the League structure would be made at the Federation's

annual meeting on November 30.

The board's ruling ends more than 12 months of uncertainty over the type of competition the Institute should play in after it became clear it had grown far too strong for the National Youth League.

LEMEZINA SAVES DEAKIN

A goal from the penalty spot one minute into stoppage time kept Croatia Deakin's hopes alive in the Ampol Championship Soccer series at Deakin Oval.

It gave Deakin a 2-2 draw with Illawarra rival South Coast Croatia with the second and deciding leg in Wollongong.

But if the ACT side is to have any chance at all, it must find a way of controlling winger Joe Coehlo.

The South Coast speedster scored one and at times looked capable of ripping the Deakin defence to shreds.

He made an impression on the game in the 14th minute when he was through with an open goal to shoot at but this time scooped the ball wide.

Within a minute of the second half he more than made amends. With the Deakin defence static he collected the ball on the edge of the penalty area, rounded goalkeeper Frank Reising and tapped it home.

Deakin needed a quick reply and got it four minutes later when big Jack Docherty scored from a Stan Dukic free kick.

South Coast hit back again when Ivan Sovrano sent over a perfect cross for an unmarked Max Betonceli to head home.

And the visitors could have had it tied up when Andrew Clackin played a long ball to Mirko Sola only for Sola to shoot over.

Just when it looked all over for the ACT club, a South Coast player handled in the penalty area and Tony Lemezina scored what is probably his most important goal for Deakin.

Smith negotiated a stop-gap measure whereby the team played against members of the Victorian State League on a challenge basis

throughout 1987, but the costs of travelling to and from Melbourne meant there was no chance of that arrangement being continued.

BROGAN PRAISES SAUDI ARABIANS

ANYONE who believed Saudi Arabia had been included in the BiCentennial Gold Cup competition with Australia, Argentina and Brazil just to make up the numbers was in for a shock, ACT director of coaching Mark Brogan said.

"The speed of tactical development of nations like the Saudis and Nigeria is phenomenal and they are already moving to the point where they feel it is unnecessary to continue to import overseas coaches," he said.

Brogan has just returned from a three month overseas study tour during which he attended the World Under 16 championships in Canada and was an observer at English Football Association-run courses for international preliminary and diploma coaching certificates.

"It was interesting to note that Australia's group in the World championships also contained Brazil, France and Saudi Arabia," he said. "Of these Brazil was the only team that failed to score and was eliminated first up."

"In the past the argument has been that the poor standard of senior domestic competition in the developing nations negates any advantage they may gain at junior level, but the Saudis literally have the resources to 'import' a top quality national league by recruiting players from overseas."

Saudis made up almost 15 per cent of the enrolment in the English coaching courses he attended. "This is the way they are going now — sending their own people to learn at the highest possible level so they can come back and adapt that knowledge to their own special conditions."

He also noted the trend towards Schools of Excellence for young players in England. "There are now more than 100, with every first division side having one," he said. "In many ways we were ahead of them in this development when we set up the ACT Academy of Soccer in 1981."

Brogan will now submit a report on the ACT's youth programs and prepare further papers on coaching and player development.

ACT girls at Gosford

THE ACT under 15 girls side recorded three draws and three losses at the Gosford annual tournament, but coach Tony Oliveria pronounced himself satisfied.

"For almost all these girls it was their first trip away," he said. "They were very nervous at first but I am convinced we have the basis for a good team next season."

"The next step must be to enter the Australian championships at under 15 level."

Oliveria named Raewyn Russell, Sally McFadzean, Amanda Poultney and Rachelle Higgins as his best players. During the tournament the ACT lost twice to Holroyd by 2-0, drew 0-0 and 2-2 with Central Coast and lost 1-0 and drew 2-2 with Gladesville.

Dukic back on side

CROATIA Deakin's former club captain Stan Dukic is back in favour.

Dukic broke with the club in a dispute over his Indoor Soccer commitments but assistant coach Ivan Gruicic said he had now apologised to the club committee.

"He has promised not to play Indoor Soccer as long as Croatia's outdoor season lasts and that has been accepted by the club," Gruicic said.

CROATIA DEAKIN UNDER 19

THIS is the first season that the boys have played together and it didn't take them long to become a good unit under coaches Domogaj Hapetanovic and Ivan Gruicic. They lost only two games all season and finished runners-up in the ACT U19 first division.



At rear: I to r: V Markezic (Manager), D Hapetanovic (Coach), T Ugrinic, A Ujdur, R Juric, T Jadric, D Ingan, J Strk, D Niklas, I Gruicic (Coach). Front: J Rat, M Markezic, C Alexandrakis, R Douglas, R Perkovic, D Matijasevic. Absent: I Berak, T Jadric.

INTER'S SEVEN A-SIDE

INTER Monaro gained some compensation for a season spent in Canberra Griffins shadow with a win in the CCAE-Mercury Cider seven-a-side competition.

The team Monaro beat 2-1 in the Mercury Cider Cup final carried the name of Houdine Camping and Sports but its composition, which included Griffins players Alan, Phil and Mark Reis, identified it with the NSW State Bank League runner-up in the minds of many spectators.

The CCAE Shield final between Weston Creek II and CCAE went to the Creek on a corner count-back after the teams had drawn 1-1, while Belconnen United came from behind to beat Weston Creek 2-1 in the women's section.

The competition was disrupted by heavy rain and hail around lunchtime and some teams left in the belief that play would be abandoned.

CCAЕ IN STRIFE

CCAЕ has been stripped of its grand final win in reserve grade for fielding an ineligible player.

The decision follows an appeal by Belconnen United, beaten 2-1 in the final by the college.

ACTSF secretary Lyncall Jennings said United's contention that College player Frank Polombi was ineligible to play in reserve grade had been accepted and the match awarded to Belconnen on a 3-0 forfeit.

She said CCAE, which was also fined \$50 for the offence, had indicated it would appeal.

Nominations have been called for ACTSF vice president, treasurer and committee member as well as chairperson of the senior and junior league. Forms can be picked up from the Federation office at Sports House, Hackett.

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AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE

PREVENTION OF INJURIES

THIS week we will cover prevention of injuries and what immediate steps to take if a player does get injured.

By ARTHUR MANNING

Coaches or managers on every team from under seven years to NIS1 whether men or women should make one primary rule — no-one touches a ball until they have gone through a warm-up and stretching routine.

There will always be the player that states he or she has been playing for years and never warms up or if they do, the warm up lasts for about 30 seconds (how many times have you seen this) and they have never had an injury due to not warming up and stretching, eg torn hamstring or pulled calf muscles.

One day their number is going to come up.

Coaches should endeavour to have a basic knowledge of a warming up routine. Start with light jogging.

If your team is training indoors alternate jogging from one lap in one direction, turn around and jog in the opposite direction etc, or vary by jogging figures of eight. When the team has finished jogging start static stretches, eg calf, hamstrings, thighs, inner thighs, lower back, shoulders etc.

Do not do any ballistic or bouncing stretches as with these you cannot control the amount of stretch and in turn cause an injury.

PAIN

Do each stretch and hold for 10-20 seconds

but remember always use pain as a guide, stretch each muscle until you feel the muscle pulling tight and hold.

If you see a player next to you and they seem to be able to stretch twice as far as you, don't try and match them as they may be more flexible and you might cause yourself an injury in doing so.

Never let anybody push you into a stretch where their pushing may go further than your flexibility allows — work within your own limits.

After stretches have been completed start with light jogging again and then alternate to a side-stepping jog, jogging backwards, raising knees to touch hands, raising heels to touch hands, bending down and touching ground with left hand then a jump while reaching in the air with right hand and vice versa, lifting feet inside while jogging and touching with hands.

JOGGING

Then while jogging incorporate a few quick sprints.

Then have a rest for a minute or two, have a drink of water and then you are ready for a game or training with greatly reduced risk of muscle tear.

Coaches, keep an eye on your players while they go through their warm-up routine and look for injuries that a player may be trying to disguise so as not to miss out on a game because the injury

may get worse and keep them out of more games than if they had rested and had the correct treatment for their injury.

Remember that the onus is on the coach or trainer to ensure safe training practices and minimise risk of injury.

Players, the same goes for you that if you cannot get through the warm up routine then you possibly will not get through training or a game.

If you have an injury, let your coach know and receive the proper treatment. Do not go to a local doctor but go to a sports medicine clinic where they are familiar with sport related injuries, treatment and rehabilitation.

These services can be claimed from your health fund the same as doctors.

IMMEDIATE CARE OF AN INJURY: When an injury occurs the immediate thing to do is R.I.C.E.

R — REST: stop activity to the injured player.

I — ICE: apply ice to the injured area. Do not apply ice directly on to the skin as this will result in ice burns. Have ice in a plastic bag and apply over cloth or towelling. Apply for 20 minutes on, three-quarters to one hour off. Maintain this for up to 48 hours. Do not apply massage, heat or heat cream rubs on an acute injury as this will increase blood flow and delay healing period.

C — COMPRESSION: apply a stretch compress-

ARTHUR Manning is an accredited sports trainer with the Australian Sports Medicine Federation, trainer of the Australian squad in the 1987 Pacific Cup, trainer on the Australian women's squad to tour New Zealand in Nov-Dec 1987, and currently trainer with Sydney Lotto Allstars in the 1987 James Hardie NSL.

ion bandage to the injured area as this helps minimise swelling.

E — ELEVATION: elevate injured limb, eg ankle, above the level of the heart as this also minimises swelling because if the injured player is sitting in a chair with their foot on the floor, blood will drain to the injured area due to damage to blood vessels and gravity and thus create swelling and prolong healing.

SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IF IN DOUBT ON EXTENT OF INJURY.

If anyone is interested in sports medicine and becoming an accredited sports trainer further information can be obtained thorough the national office - Australian Sports Medicine Federation, P.O. Box 897, Belconnen ACT 2616.

SEAGULLS CENTRE

QUEENSLAND'S fastest growing sport is about to open yet another centre, this time at the fabulous Seagulls Sporting Complex, Link Road, Victoria Point.

To help launch this new club a knockout tourney with a winner take all prize of \$500 will be held.

This tournament will be the first in what is expected will be a mini tour, with most of the major clubs holding weekend tournaments with substantial prizemoney.

It will be held on Saturday November 7 at the Seagulls Sports Hall. With three courts being available then things should run very smoothly.

Facilities at the Seagulls Centre are simply outstanding, with additional featured such as swimming pool and recreation area adding to the attraction.

This is an open event and is therefore available to any team who may wish to compete. No affiliation to any sporting body is required!

Teams who may wish to enter should just fill in the appropriate form and return it before the closing date, Wednesday November 4 at 12pm.

For entry forms or any general information call Keith on 344 1530 or Bob on 207 7322.

APPLICATIONS are being called for the positions of managers and coaches of the various age groups in NSW for the national championships to be staged in Canberra on the Australia Day weekend next January.

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AUSTRALIAN skipper CINDY HEYDON is pictured on the ball for a combination Electronic Media/Aust.Womens National Team against the Print Media's John Stead and Frank Coletta. The Print fellows won 7-1.

AUSSIE WOMEN GAIN FROM INSTITUTE

By NICK NICOLOPOULOS

NINE girls were involved in a week long camp at the A.I.S.

The girls in the squad to play against New Zealand are Airen Sein (A.C.T.), Sally Rundle (A.C.T.), Trish Leonard (A.C.T.), Sue White (N.S.W.), Anita Rheinberger (N.S.W.), Cindy Heydon (N.S.W.), Kim Lembryk (N.S.W.), Sharon Young (N.S.W.) and Rita O'Neil (Qld).

The captain for the tour is Cindy Heydon from N.S.W. She was selected by the players.

I was very happy with the overall performance of all the girls. I saw a marked improvement in their game after three

days in which we concentrated on working on a system.

We trained two hours in the morning and another two in the afternoon. Most girls found the first two days a bit hard with muscle soreness being the major complaint.

Overall I think our week together united the squad and will stand everyone in good stead for the internationals against N.Z. in November.

A special thanks for assistance to Don Wright, the National Training Programme Co-ordinator at the Institute of Sport.



Leading scorer in the James Hardie NSL and leader of the Buffalo Player of the Year, Siska Fillpovic of Gridline Eagles surrounded by the Candy Capers Dance Group prior to the kick-off in a recent match.



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The James Hardie Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GRIDLINE Eagles	11	10	1	0	104	42	21
SYDNEY Tornadoes	10	10	0	0	50	20	20
PARRAMATTA Spartans	13	9	0	4	80	52	18
PERTH Cougars	12	8	1	3	99	59	17
LOTTO Allstars	10	5	2	3	30	29	12
CANBERRA Strikers	15	6	1	8	105	81	11
CANBERRA Rockets	14	5	1	8	67	80	11
THOMASTOWN Twisties	10	4	0	6	48	49	8
ILLAWARRA Stingers	11	4	0	7	45	46	8
GEEELONG CC's Cats	10	3	2	5	41	43	8
BRISBANE Bombers	13	2	0	11	41	93	4
BUNDABERG C'cutters	10	0	0	10	21	134	0

This weeks results

Sydney Tornadoes 8 Parramatta Spartans 3
Perth Cougars 12 Canberra Strikers 5
Canberra Strikers 8 Lotto Allstars 5
Perth Cougars 9 Illawarra Stingers 2
Geelong CC's Cats 5 Thomastown Twisties 3
Perth Cougars 8 Canberra Rockets 0
Lotto Allstars 4 Canberra Rockets 1

BUFFALO TopScorers

The Sharpshooters

48 Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
36 Zoran Antanasovski (Cougars)
32 Jim Kanaridis (Strikers)
28 Billy Stewart (Strikers)
22 Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
21 Emil Maracic (Rockets)
21 Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
19 Stan Dukic (Rockets)
19 Robbie Noggler (CC's)
18 Michael Roki (Cougars)
18 John Metaxas (Twisties)
17 Vince Nastoski (Eagles)
15 Peter Dameski (Spartans)
15 Billy Willox (Strikers)
14 Steve Knight (Tornadoes)
12 Colin Simpson (Bombers)
12 Fortunato Carvalho (Twisties)
12 Mike Katinski (Cougars)

BUFFALO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

24 — Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
17 — Robbie Noggler (CC's)
14 — Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
13 — Steve Knight (Tornadoes)
12 — Billy Stewart (Strikers)
11 — Jim Kanaridis (Strikers)
11 — Stan Dukic (Rockets)
10 — Peter Dameski (Spartans)
10 — John Metaxas (Twisties)
10 — Michael Roki (Cougars)
10 — Vlado Strafela (Cougars)
9 — Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
9 — Sasha Spirovski (Spartans)
9 — Zoran Antanasovski (Cougars)
8 — Dragan Perkovic (Rockets)
8 — Vlado Strafela (Cougars)
8 — Fortunato Carvalho (Twisties)

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: Friday 23rd October
Stingers v Strikers at Wollongong Uni

Saturday 24th October
Cougars v Spartans at Perry Lakes
CC's Cats v Gridline at Corio Leisuretime
Tornadoes v Bombers at Fairfield Leisure
Allstars v Canecutters at Fairfield
Stingers v Rockets at Wollongong Uni

Sunday 18th October
Twisties v Gridline at Thomastown Recreation
Tornadoes v Canecutters at Fairfield
Allstars v Bombers at Fairfield

THOMASTOWN TWISTIES 3 (Metaxas, Hackett and Futjo)

GEEELONG CC'S CATS 5 (Noggler 2, Uijar, S.Radojevic and an own goal) at Valley Indoor Soccer Centre, Moe

Geelong CC's Cats beat Thomastown Twisties by five goals to three in their James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League match played at the Valley Indoor Sports Centre during the Victorian Indoor Soccer championships.

Robbie Noggler put the Cats on their way with a right foot drive following a pass from Jack Drazinic after five minutes play.

Captain-coach Steve Radojevic added a second in 12 minutes with a shot into the top corner of the net.

As he said afterwards: "It was an instep shot and not bad for a man who is injured."

At halftime the Cats still led 2-0.

Jack Drazinic broke at the start of the second half and tried a cross which Steve Hackett unfortunately turned past his own keeper to leave Twisties three goals in arrears.

John Metaxas reduced the deficit with a goal following a corner throw. He was left unmarked and finished clinically.

Noggler restored the Cats three goal advantage as he beat his man and shot home.

Hackett made amends for his earlier blunder by finding space down the left for a neat goal.

Dinko Uijar then tried a toe-poke which he did not strike as powerfully as he would have wished, but keeper Dino Speziale was caught off guard and

the ball was well directed into the bottom corner of the net.

Twisties recovered a little when Ivan Futjo split the defence and turned his marker for a goal.

There were still five minutes left to play at this point, but the Cats held on to win by five goals to three as Twisties attacks became increasingly desperate.

The results leaves the teams equal at eight points on the James Hardie NISL ladder.

Twisties: Speziale, Ferreira, F.Carvalho, Metaxas, Hackett. **Subs:** Futjo and Paplazarou.

Cats: Inturrisi, Dimovski, McAuliffe, Noggler, S.Radojevic. **Subs:** Perin, Stojanovski, Uijar and Drazinic.

Referee: Alex Sacchero. **Linesmen:** Mick Stojanovski, Ian McPherson. **Timekeeper and scorer:** Michael Contos. **BUFFALO Points:** 3 Robbie Noggler (CC's) 2 Steve Radojevic (CC's) 1 John Metaxas (TT).

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADES 8 (Jeffery 5, Erkin Osman, Stuart and Knight)

PARRAMATTA ENDURO SPARTANS 3 (Spirovski 2 and Akkary) at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.

The Tornadoes simply overran the physical Spartans outfit in the latter part of the second half and that's where the story lay.

The first half as per usual was a tight even affair with the champions holding a slender 3-2 lead.

Erkin Osman put Sydney ahead after just two minutes following some great lead-up by Anthony Cassar.

Carlos Akkary had the score all square four minutes later but then Robbie Stuart grabbed one

and Glen Jeffery powered his first of a fabulous five.

The Spartans were able to reply soon after and have it pretty close going at the break. In fact they kept a close tag on the Tornadoes as Jeffery scored three minutes into the second half and Sasha Spirovski completed his brace seconds later.

But then the Sydney side just romped away as Parramatta conceded intermittent fouls giving Jeffery and Steve Knight direct free-kicks minus a wall leaving Victor Mourinho helpless in goal.

Once again however the Spartans were in trouble with the referee, two players — Sasha Spirovski (blue card) and Hector Martinez (red card) — were given their marching orders.

The significance of a red card as distinct from the blue, is that the latter is just an expulsion from the remainder of that particular match, whilst the red card is expulsion from that particular match, a meeting with the judiciary and a \$100 fine.

Tornadoes: Carlisle, Erkin Osman, Ormord, Lembryk, Cassar. **Subs:** Erjan Osman, Knight, Stuart, Jeffery.

Spartans: Mourinho, Silva, Akkary, S.Duval, Martinez. **Subs:** Speranza, Spirovski, Dameski, B.Duval.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Glen Jeffery (STT) 2 Steve Knight (STT) 1 Robbie Stuart (STT).

PERTH COUGARS 9 (Roki 4, B.Antanasovski 2, Strafela, Gaitan and an own goal)
IMB ILLAWARRA STINGERS 2 (Tutancheski and Skerteviski) at Wollongong Uni.

The Perth Cougars showed everyone in Wollongong just what a groomed side they are and displayed the sort of class in this 9-2 win that points to them achieving bigger and better deeds this season.

The IMB Stingers were well and truly stung on the night as they failed to come to terms with a non-stop onslaught from the Westerners. The technical indoor skill of the Cougars was so evident.

Illawarra's keeper Frank Sales was beaten nine times by some quick attacks from a team that showed the necessary winning zeal and zest.

Cougars: Barbara, Strafela, B.Antanasovski, Z.Antanasovski, Katinski. **Subs:** Roki, Gaitan, Kantor and Arrigo.

Stingers: Sales, Wunches, Mathias, Tutancheski, Skerteviski. **Subs:** Shute, Clocchi, Prentovski, Cabanas and Lapin.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Boris Antanasovski (PC) 2 Michael Roki (PC) 1 Vlado Strafela (PC) 1 Bobby Tutancheski (IS).

The Canberra Strikers have started to produce some of their form from last season.

The match was a free-flowing one and well controlled by the referee Ron Parker. It was Brisbane that opened the scoring through Colin Simpson in the 4th minute against the run of play.

A superb hat-trick by man of the match Billy Willox in the next eight minutes put the Strikers in command. This was in fact the Strikers' first home win of the season as they blasted nine goals to the Bombers one in the second half.

Strikers: Hayes, Willox, Tansey, Murray, Kanaridis. **Subs:** Stewart, Jadric, Stirtan.

Bombers: Antonelli, Barnard, Wotherspoon, Simpson, Armstrong. **Subs:** McLure, Sharrock.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Billy Willox (CS) 2 Jim Kanaridis (CS) 1 Billy Stewart (CS).

PERTH COUGARS 12 (Z.Antanasovski 7, Katinski 2, Roki 2 and B.Antanasovski)

CANBERRA STRIKERS 5 (Willox 2, Kanaridis 2 and Tansey) at Dickson College.

The Strikers continued their lack of disciplined play and were made to pay against the very impressive Perth Cougars in front of a healthy 300 crowd.

For some reason the Canberra side lost their positional sense and this time they were punished severely by a display of quickness, youth and interchange passing.

It was all the Cougars early on in the first half with a brace each from Zoran Antanasovski and Milan Katinski.

Jim Kanaridis grabbed the Strikers only goal at the end of the term.

Once again Canberra returned firing at the restart and the crowd responded as the home side came back to 4-3. However a couple of more errors saw the Cougars hammer two more with the Strikers being battered into submission by the Perth boys. Zoran Antanasovski quickly tied up the match with seven goals and it ended at 12-5.

Cougars: Barbara, Strafela, Z.Antanasovski, Katinski, Roki. **Subs:** B.Antanasovski and Gaitan.

Strikers: Hayes, Willox, Tansey, Murray, Kanaridis. **Subs:** Stewart, Jadric, Stirtan, Langone, Vickers, Dale.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Zoran Antanasovski (PC) 2 Milan Katinski (PC) 1 Billy Willox (CS).

CANBERRA STRIKERS 8 (Kanaridis 3, Willox 2, Stewart 2 and Murray)

LOTTO ALLSTARS 5 (Dolton 2, Skellern, Ross and Gilligan) at Dickson College, Canberra.

LOTTO Allstars showed how effective they can be as the Canberra Strikers were punished 4-1 in the first half with captain Phil Dolton in particular exposing some loose play with two early goals.

The Strikers for their part looked as though they'd gone back to their poor early season form until coach Jim Roberts brought on skipper Billy Stewart for Ian Murray.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Billy Stewart (CS) 2 Phil Dolton (LA) 1 Jim Kanaridis (CS)

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FRANK FARINA'S FANTASTIC FINISH

By FRANK SCICLUNA

FRANK Farina's tremendous final round hat-trick against Sydney Croatia not only clinched this season's leading scorer award with 16 goals.

It also made the Soccerero striker the youngest ever player in National League history to win such an honour.

The climax to Farina's year long duel with APIA's Rod Brown was just as tight and exciting as the battle for semi-final positions and the fierce tussle against relegation.

After trailing the APIA and former Marconi striker throughout the whole season, Farina struck six times in his last five matches to pip Brown on the post and enter his name in the record books.

Having just turned 23 last month, Farina is a few weeks younger than Graham Arnold was last season when he took the title, and also junior to the previous youngest winner, Mark Jankovics in 1979.

Achieving success early on in his career is nothing new to the former Queensland junior.

After spending two years at the AIS, where ironically he was Brown's striking partner, Farina made his debut in the N.S.L with Canberra City in 1983 at and at the age of 19 was selected as the

National League's most entertaining player of the year.

Les Scheinflug had no hesitation in including the youngster into Australia's youth team for the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico, where he scored the equalising goal against the host nation in the opening game.

Frank Arok did not fail to recognise the young striker's potential either, and promoted Farina into the senior squad for the 1984 World Series against Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Juventus.

Since then, Farina has virtually been an automatic choice for Soccerero selection. After scoring 17 goals in his two years with Canberra, Farina teamed up with Eddie Thomson at Sydney City in an \$8000 transfer deal prior to the 1985 season which surprised the large number of rival clubs who were anxious to lure the speedy winger to Sydney.

Bringing Farina to the Slickers much have been one of Thomson's shrewdest signings.

He thrived on the huge amount of experience in the side, and the competi-

Hat-trick clinches title

tive spirit that had always existed amongst its players.

His 21 goals in 43 matches during two years at Sydney City is a strike rate which shows the rapid development Farina made under Thomson's guidance.

It also went a long way towards helping the Slickers win the Northern Division title and reach the NSL grand final in 1985, then adding the Cup in 1986 with the help of two goals from Farina in the final.

When the demise of Sydney City looked imminent at the start of this year, Marconi grabbed the opportunity of making a determined bid to take Farina to Bossley Park and finally succeeded in securing him with the help of a \$30,000 transfer fee.

Although the star-studded Fairfield side struggled to blend together for most of the season, Farina's goalscoring touch did not desert him.

He was one of the few players in the team that coach Roberto Vieri could rely on to maintain any sort of consistency.

"Frank is on of the

most dedicated players in the country and deserves all his success," Vieri commented after Farina's hat-trick at Croatia.

Captain Tony Henderson was quick to add his congratulations to his team mate: "Without doubt, one of the most professional players I have ever played with".

As for Farina himself, he is more than happy with the way things have gone for him since his move to Fairfield. He has no intention of moving on.

The last Marconi player to top the goalscoring charts was Mark Jankovics.

Fans at Bossley Park are keeping their fingers crossed that his replacement will provide the same amount of service to the club that Jankovics gave for nine seasons.

If he does, Farina stands a good chance of surpassing Jankovics' magnificent record which always looked unlikely to be beaten.

That's certainly a long way down the track but in the meantime, Marconi are in the happy position of replacing one goalscoring machine with another — and one who is just as deadly.

BIG BROTHER'S ASSISTANCE

ONCE again the Big Brother movement have been generous in awarding more scholarships for boys to visit and train with top clubs in the UK.

BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

In the past three years Mr Jock McAusland and his board at the movement have enabled 16 of our young players to receive the chance most young players dream about.

The scholarships, worth \$3,000 each, cover the boys' travel costs, accommodation and expenses.

The clubs in the UK have also been most helpful, especially top Scottish club Aberdeen

which has taken boys every year since the scheme started.

Other clubs the boys have been to are Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and Luton Town.

In November Jason Higgs and Peter Bennett, both members of the NSW Academy and the State U-18 squad will head for Aberdeen, whilst in January Pat Bradley and Robbie Stanton of the NSW Academy and the U-15 State squad will be having their spell at current English First Division leaders, Queens Park Rangers.

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CROWDS WITNESS THE BIG FINALS

BY RUSHY

HUGE crowds witnessed the 1987 Champion of Champions final played in glorious sunshine over the weekend at Valentine Park.

The football served up was of a very high standard.

Winston Hills proved too strong for Liverpool Albion running out winners 4-0 in the U-9 age group.

The Hills boys have in fact lost only two games in the past two years, and certainly displayed all their talents.

The U-10 final went all the way to penalties which saw Mt Pritchard winning 6-5.

Mt Pritchard opened the scoring as early as the second minute after the Winston Hills keeper had difficulty holding the ball. But Hills managed to equalise after three minutes of the second half.

With the game in extra time, both teams applied intense pressure without result.

APIA continued the fine form shown by their older teams this year to defeat Sylvania Heights 2-1 in the U-11 final.

NERVOUS

The second half opened up nervously and with only 10 minutes left, Sylvania scored with a tremendous header from Darren McDonald.

APIA however fought back well to equalise five minutes later and eventually scored the winner with only two minutes left.

Revesby Workers ran out eventual winners in a hard-fought U-12 final with Rooty Hill.

Revesby had a number of opportunities in the first half. However they were unable to capitalise and the Rooty Hill boys began to get the upper hand in the latter stages of the half.

Adam Fairley chipped

the keeper to put Workers ahead only seconds into the second half, but a brilliant solo run from Mick Seaton brought the scores level again.

Revesby received a free kick late in the second half and Fairley made no mistake placing his shot just under the bar to give his team the Champion Of Champions title.

Mt Pritchard went into the U-13 final as underdogs and yet were able to score first before going down to Campbelltown Gunners 1-5.

Down 1-0 at the break, the Gunners went into overdrive in the second half, displaying plenty of spirit and teamwork in scoring their five goals.

DOUBLE

Greystanes took out their second consecutive Champion Of Champions trophy by defeating Liverpool Albion 1-0.

Ian Morris set Warilla Wanderers on the path to victory scoring after Gavin King had put him into the clear.

Gladesville Ravens never recovered from this early setback and eventually lost 0-3.

Craig Eagleton scored from the penalty spot after five minutes of the second half while Michael Kearney sealed the match with the third.

Brookvale pushed Roselea to the limits in the U-16 final with Roselea running out eventual winners 2-1.

Needless to say, Roselea were delighted with the win. They congratulated Brookvale on providing them with a worthy opposition.

Kirrawee pressured

Springwood right to the final minutes in an attempt to level the match, after Springwood led by the solitary goal in the inaugural U-17 Women's Champion of Champions.

BIG WINNER

Both teams believe that the big winner on the day was women's football.

The U-17 final was played at a tremendous pace with Figtree running out winners 3-0.

Pendle Hill worked hard to get back into the match, however they were unable to break a determined Figtree defence.

Goals for Figtree were scored by David Falers, Geoffrey Clossen and Danny Martinoski.

St George Olympic, who play in the U-21 competition in the St George Association, proved too strong for a disappointing West Pennant Hills side in the U-19 final.

While the score of 4-0 was not a true indication of the game, the St George team certainly deserved the honours on the day with Captain Con Kristallis playing a leading role in his team's victory.

Despite losing striker Neil Maxwell with concussion in the 16th minute, Normanhurst overran Pittwater with a fine display of skill and lethal finishing to win the U-21 Champion of Champions trophy.

Normanhurst won 4-0 with substitute Tim

Sydney City Juniors join the Saints

ST GEORGE Youth teams will be the beneficiaries of a move approved last week which will bring many capable ex-Sydney City juniors into their ranks.

Saints official Steve McArthur reports that Steve Serda and other ex-Slicker's driving forces have agreed to the move.

And it is certain that ace junior coach and ex-Socceroo John Doyle will handle the Under 16 or 17 years teams.

Whether it will be Under 16 or 17 depends upon a decision to be made at the N.S.W. Amateur Federation annual meeting on Saturday November 14, which will be held at the Bates Drive Soccer Complex at Kirrawee.

Whiteoak scoring twice and ably filling Maxwell's position.

ATTACK

Pittwater attacked for the entire match — however they were unable to penetrate the well-organised defence of Normanhurst.

Normanhurst's other goals were scored by Tim Lane and John Lobb.

Soon after the presentations were made, the team made their way to Blacktown Hospital where striker Neil Maxwell had been admitted for observation.

Panania RSL were easy winners over Shamrock in the All Age Ladies final.

Goals from Jodie Druce after a Janelle Reid cross and a volley by Jennine Newey saw Panania leading 2-0 at halftime.

Panania ran away with the match in the second half with further goals from Jodie Druce, Margaret Aquilina, Janelle Reid and Jennine Newey to finish up 6-0 victors.

The Shamrock players were not too disappointed with the results as it was their first year together and they are looking forward to next season's competition.

In a tight match between two evenly matched teams, Hills Independent scored the winning goal with only 10 minutes remaining to defeat Carlton Rovers 2-1 in the final of the All Age men's competition.

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation wishes to express their thanks to Patricks Sporting supplies for presenting all the winning teams with shirts and also to all sponsors for their support throughout the year, particularly to Mitre for supply of match day footballs.

The Federation would also like to wish everyone associated with the game all the best for the Christmas and New Year period and they look forward to seeing everyone again next season.

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State championship referees

Michael Croucher, Steve Crocker, John Pouse, Anthony Cavanaugh, Stephen Aller, John Forrest, Greg Coupand, Darren Russell, Bryan Shadden, Simon Micallef, Darren Lawrence, Michael Hawthorn, Craig Pope, Dean Cavanaugh, John Pickering, Mark Pilgrim, Tom Forrest, Paul Blackwood, Tibor Trajber, Brett Paul, Greg Leverton.



Sydney Olympic presentation night

By RUSHY

SYDNEY Olympic held their presentation dinner last Wednesday night at the Hellenic Club.

The Hellenic Club is Sydney Olympic juniors major sponsor and are currently celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Nick Smilas, Sydney Olympic's secretary, presented the Hellenic Club

with a plaque thanking them for their support and also thanked the club's other sponsors, Michaels Aluminium, Sydney Bakery and Con Fallon.

Paul Ankudinoff was congratulated on his efforts over the past eight years.

All of the Sydney Olympic players were presented with trophies as a memento of their year with the club and special congratulations were offered to the U13s on their fine performances throughout the year.

The U13s were unlucky not to go through and win

the State Championship losing by a goal and having one disallowed.

The U15s were also congratulated on being runners-up in the Youth League grand final, and on their tremendous effort in winning the State Championship title when they defeated Marconi 2-0 with only 10 men.

Stan Gabrien has been appointed Director of Coaching at Olympic for 1988 and will be working closely with Eddie Thomson in order to develop and bring through their youth players to the top grade.

HOW SUCCESSFUL WAS YOUR SEASON?

ONE of the most important features in a coaches' development is to obtain feedback from your work in the season. Often it is difficult to obtain objective criticism and a coach must develop the skill of self analysis.

At the senior level the ultimate feedback is the number of points won in the season. However, wise administrators will equate the number of points with the quality of the playing staff or quality of opposition.

However at senior level a coach could perform self-evaluation under the following areas.

1 KNOWLEDGE

Did you attempt to update your knowledge this season? Did you attend a coaching course, read a quality book, go to watch another coach work. Did you have meaningful conversations with senior players or other coaches. Did you ever think that you could not learn any

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RESULTS

U9: Winston Hills 4 Liverpool Albion 0, U10: Winston Hills 5 Mt Pritchard 6 (after penalties), U11: Sylvania Hts 1 APIA 2, U12: Rooty Hill RSL 1 Revesby Workers 2, U13: Campbelltown 5 Mt Pritchard 1, U14: Greystanes 1 Liverpool Albion 0, U15: Warilla 3 Gladesville Ravens 0, U16: Roselea 2 Brookvale 1, U17 (women): Sutherland 0 Nepean 1, U17: Pendle Hill 0 Figtree 3, U18: St George Olympic 4 West Pennant Hills 0, U21: Normanhurst 4 Pittwater 0, AA: (women): Panania RSL 6 Shamrocks 0, AA: (men): Carlton Rovers 1 Hills Independent 2.



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2 PREPARATION

Did you plan training sessions, prepare set piece situations? Prepare match day organisations? Plan an injury rehabilitation programme? Change match tactics when appropriate?

PLANNING A JUNIOR COACHING SESSION

A few minutes preparation can make a junior coaching session far more enjoyable for both coach and young players.

DURATION: No longer than 45 minutes.

VENUE: Anywhere! Grass, Cement, Indoors.

EQUIPMENT: Balls - as many as possible (one each is ideal), markers (empty ice cream cartons will do), bibs or old t-shirts.

CONTENT ANALYSIS

0-5 minutes: Any fun-game such as tag to allow for latecomers and to get

3 RELATIONSHIPS

Did you develop a relationship of mutual respect with your players? Did you treat them as individuals and appreciate personal problems? Were you honest at all times?

4 MOTIVATION

Did you motivate your team? Did you resort to cliches? Did you treat players as individuals in their pre-match preparation? Did you keep fair and consistent team discipline?

If you fulfilled many of the above criteria then irrespective of results you were a successful coach, and probably the results were good!

Next week the junior coach.

the kids moving.

5-25 minutes: Ball skill work in ones or twos, working on one of the major skill themes.

a) Passing (different parts of the feet)

b) Shooting

c) Controlling (different parts of the body)

d) Heading

e) Dribbling

25-45 minutes: Have a small sided game. If you have 12 kids try 15 minutes of two games of three-a-side and five minutes of six-a-side. The aim of the game is to get as many ball contacts as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMATEURS

By ALAN VEST

CONGRATULATIONS to the NSW Amateur Federation with the success of all their Junior State teams in the National Championships.

The U-13s took out the title at Murwillumbah with coach John Haynes and manager John Hedison at the helm.

The U14s travelled to Devonport in Tasmania and coach Ian Lloyd and manager Karl Posselt must be very proud of their squad, winning the championship and conceding only one goal.

I'm sure there'll be a large contingent of NSW players in Vic Dalglish's train-on squad for the next U16 National team.

The U15s travelled to Perth with coach Greg Ankudinoff and manager Vince Balzan in charge. They also put up a fine performance with wins in all but one of their game, a 0-0 draw with Northern New South Wales.

The success shows the talent there is in New South Wales and makes the future look very bright indeed.

AUSSIE WOMEN AFTER MAJOR SPONSORS FOR TOURNAMENT

THE Australian Women's Soccer Association has launched its second major sponsorship campaign this year in order to help its national team obtain funds for the tour to Taiwan in December for the Fourth World Women's Invitation Tournament — the Chinese Cup 1987.

The series will be run over the period December 10-20 and is conducted by the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

The campaign is designed so that the players actively seek sponsorship for themselves. Following the success of the first campaign in support of the national youth team earlier this year, the AWSA is confident that the senior players will be able to reduce their costs significantly.



SUE MONTEATH.

The Australian Sports Commission has already granted \$8,000 towards the cost of the Taiwan tour and it is hoped that

community organisations will support their local players as each member of the team is required to pay over \$1,000 for the two week trip.

The Chinese Cup 1987 is the closest competition that women's Soccer organisations have to a World Cup and there will be 15 other teams competing including two teams from Taiwan.

Australia previously competed in the tournament in 1978 and 1984 and will be aiming to improve on their fifth place in the 1984 Cup.

Individuals or companies can support the national team by taking out Gold Sponsorship for \$300 or Silver Sponsorship for \$200.

The benefits to each sponsor are outlined in the sponsorship campaign brochure and include advertising in a player profile magazine which will be taken to Taiwan and also distributed throughout Australia.

The touring team includes Sue Monteath, Kerry Millman, Joanne



THERESA JONES.

Millman, Leanne Priestley, Michelle Sawyers and Lyn Spencer from Queensland, Renaye Iserief, Sue Buswell, Sharon Dewar and Janelle Renshaw from Northern NSW, Theresa Jones, Jane Oakley and Janine McPhee from Victoria, Jill Latimer, Moya Dodd and Mariana Milanovic from South Australia, Amanda George from the Northern Territory, and Julie Murray from the ACT. Coach: Fred Robins. Manager: Stephanie Quinn. Physiotherapist: Bill Fenney.

The sponsorship campaign closes on November 4 and if you are interested in supporting the national team contact: Heather Reid, Executive Director on (062) 485-834.

Sponsorship arrangements are conducted by the AWSA in a manner that is quite appealing to the companies and individuals who are prepared to assist the cause of women's football at the top level.

The \$300 Gold Sponsorship gives prog-

Schoolboy Tourists

THE following Australian Schoolboys team will tour Hong Kong, China and Macau in December:

Jeff Allport, Mineo Bonetig, Paul Krstevski, Trevor Daley, Milan Blagojevic, David Scott, Zoran Naumovski (NSW), Greg Mills, Steve Horvat, John Gibson, Craig Hoogendorn (ACT), Carl Veart, Nick Stamantopolous, Peter Theodorakakis (SA), Andy Hobbs, Brendan Eastwell (Qld).

Coach: Andy Bettell (SA). Standby players: John Danzo, Glen Kearton (NSW), Clayton Koch (Qld), Douglas Summers (Tas), Anthony Giannasso (ACT), Michael Barton, Dean Tate (WA), Pat Hughes, Theo Anastasiou, Carlo Tallodira (SA).

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Jim Foley for the Central Coast

CENTRAL Coast Soccer Club has appointed Jim Foley as coach for the 1988 season.

He will coach both first and reserve teams with the aid of an assistant yet to be named. Alan Moyle will coach the Under 18 squad and Roger Smith has been appointed as the goalkeeping coach.

In the junior ranks the teams will be coached by U13: Mike Cronshaw, U14: Brian Follett, U15: Geoff Bischell, U16: Claude Rivelli.

Jim Foley comes to Central Coast with high credentials. He has attained the Level 4 Coaching Certificate and is one of only a handful of coaches who have gained this level in Australia.

He has also been Director of Coaching of Northern N.S.W. and Far North Queensland, both of which were full time appointments, and has also coached several Newcastle First Division teams as well as playing for Adamstown and Wallsend.

The Club organised a "Meet the Coach" training session at Plum Park for any player whether new or old.

CENTRAL COAST AWARDS

FOUR players will contest the prestigious Senior Player of the Year award held by the Central Coast Soccer Association Limited at the annual presentation night on Saturday, November 14 at Central Coast Leagues Club.

They are Grahame Boulter (Wyong), Robert Bridge (Swansea), Andrew Ollier (The Entrance) and Greg Pryor (Wyoming).

Bridge is a very forceful and hard running front runner and provides the necessary drive to counter his ball-playing teammates. He has been in superb form this season and is one of the leading goalscorers behind Andrew Ollier.

Ollier has been an inspiration to The Entrance this year and has won the coveted prize of leading goalscorer with 14 goals.

He is the best finisher in the competition. Unfortunately for Ollier his team crashed in their last game to miss a semi-final berth.

Wyong's Grahame Boulter was the mainstay of the team all season. He is all class when he is

on the ball and frequently takes players on and sets up a move toward goal.

The youngest contender this season for the honour is Wyoming's schoolboy Greg Pryor. Possibly the youngest player to challenge for the award in its history dating back to 1973, Pryor at 18 plays a dominating central midfield role in the lowly placed Wyoming.

At a recent Board meeting of the Association it was decided to proceed with an application to play in the Sydney Youth League for the 1988 season.

Central Coast Rep. State teams had their annual presentation at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on Saturday, October 17 starting at 7.30pm.

This night was highlighted by the naming of the First Grade Player of the Year for 1987.

Favoured players to win this prestigious award were Wayne Maguire, Dale Eggleton, Darryl Slatyer and Iain Robertson.

Also at the presentation were the official sponsors of this season's representative teams, who each received a memento of their involvement.

Sydney teams: U11 Central Coast Frames and Trusses, U15 Robson Excavations, U16 Ettalong Hotel-Motel, U14 Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Newcastle teams: U13 Microbee Computers, U14 Laminex Industries, U16 Pye's Coaches, Seniors: Australian Fixed Trusts.

— FROM KEVIN BEST

EX-SYDNEY CITY

Youth Players

The former management of the Sydney City Youth SFC recommends that ex-youth players attend the St George Youth League trials.

SPECIAL NOTE...

JOHN DOYLE will be the 1988 coach for the under 16 or 17 years team

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The victorious NSW boys and girls teams gather with officials and trophies after celebrating their success in the 1987 Australian Secondary Schools Championships in Perth.

NSW SCHOOLS TRIUMPHANT

NSW became National Champions in boys' and girls' ranks at the 1987 Australian Secondary Schools Soccer championships, held in Perth.

The tournament was hosted by the West Australian Schools Sports Association with the help and use of the facilities of Queens Park Soccer Club at Coker Park.

This was the first year that all states and territories were participating at the Australian Championships. Also added to this were the inaugural girls' championships.

Seven players from NSW were selected for the Australian School-

boys team to tour China, Hong Kong and Macau in December.

The NSW squad was captained by Zoran Naumovski of Narwee B.H.S.-St George and vice-captained by David Scott of Greystanes H.S.-Blacktown City.

David was also awarded the 1987 Player of the Tournament trophy.

This was a joint award he shared with Craig Hoogendorn of the ACT.

The tournament highlighted the enthusiasm and tremendous strength of players committed to playing schools Soccer and no state team could be taken lightly.

South Australia and Queensland were the big improvers, finishing runners-up and third respectively ahead of 1986 winners ACT.

Next year the titles will be hosted by the Northern Territory who will no doubt improve on this year's enthusiastic play-

ing efforts.

Final placings were: 1st: NSW, 2nd: SA, 3rd: Qld, 4th: ACT, 5th: WA, 6th: Vic, 7th: Tas, 8th: NT.

Results:

Day 1: SA 2 WA 1, Vic 2 Tas 0, ACT 3 NSW 0, Qld 2 NT 0, WA 5 Tas 1. Day 2: SA 6 Tas 0, ACT 2 Vic 1, NSW 2 Qld 0, WA 2 NT 1, SA 4 Vic 0. Day 3: WA 2 ACT 1, Qld 3 Tas 1, NSW 1 SA 0, Vic 5 NT 2. Day 4: NSW 3 WA 1, Tas 3 NT 2, SA 1 ACT 1, Qld 1 Vic 0, NSW 7 NT 1. Day 5: SA 4 NT 0, ACT 4 Tas 0, Qld 1 WA 0, NSW 5 Vic 2. Day 6: ACT 4 NT 0, SA 3 Qld 3, NSW 8 Tas 0, Vic 3 WA 1.

The final points scores were: NSW 12, South Australia 10, Queensland 10, ACT 9, Western Australia 6, Victoria 5, Tasmania 2, Northern Territory 0.

McAVENNIE MYSTERY

Former Italian international midfielder Marco Tardelli has signed a two-year contract with Swiss First Division club St Gallen.

Tardelli, 33, revealed earlier this year that he wanted to play in England. He sat by his phone and waited ... and waited ... and waited.

Birmingham full-back RAY BRANSON is back in the shop window after his move to West Bromwich Albion fell through when RON SAUNDERS was sacked.

The 27-year-old Ranson had agreed terms with Saunders, and although he's on a weekly contract at St Andrews says: "Ideally I would like to stay with Birmingham, but my priority is first team football."



WEST HAM fans vented their spleen on manager John Lyall over the sale of striker Frank McAvennie to Celtic as the Hammers struggled desperately to take a point from newly-promoted Derby.

Super Mac was sold to the Scottish giants in mid-week after weeks of mystery and intrigue at West Ham over Tony Cottee and McAvennie.

The fans chanted: "There's only one McAvennie" as the shot-shy Hammers attack spluttered against Arthur Cox's sweeper system.

It's difficult to unravel

the truth of what has gone on behind the scenes at West Ham. But there is little doubt that Cottee and McAvennie simply didn't get on with each other in the end.

When the Cottee move to Everton fell apart over his personal demands, it meant that Lyall was left in a dilemma.

He had to break the two cliques that had developed at the club and the only way was to sell one of the two ring-leaders.

In reality, the \$1.6 m he got from Celtic was not a bad deal. The player has scored just one goal in his last 24 first class games and something somewhere has gone wrong with his game.

He's not the player he

was the previous term when he was capped by Scotland after scoring so regularly after his arrival from north of the border.

Perhaps the personality split with Cottee was beginning to manifest itself. But he should do well in Scotland, where defen-

ders tend to stand off more.

Why it all went wrong for this player it is difficult to say. He is a model professional, who trains hard and has shown he can score goals at the highest level. A move was probably the best thing for him.

NEWCASTLE paid \$600,000 for Wimbledon's Welsh international Glyn Hodges and sold him just 86 days later to Watford.

If any manager or director behaved like that in industry they would be out of the window. Or bankrupt.

It makes you wonder if Soccer bosses think money actually grows on trees.

WATFORD have made renewed efforts to sign their former winger Nigel Callaghan who wants to return south from Derby. He has rejected a move to Oxford.

SHEFFIELD United have appointed Uruguayan Danny Bergara as their first team coach.



MARK WARD and **TONY COTTEE** do battle for West Ham in the English League Cup in which the Hammers were bundled out 5-2 on aggregate. Not long before Frank McAvennie departed for Celtic in Glasgow, where he was fully involved in a brutal clash against Rangers at the weekend.

SCOTLAND have vetoed Uruguay's plans to take part in the four nation Rous Cup in England next spring.

The Scots were involved in awful scenes with Uruguay in the last World Cup and clearly don't fancy a repeat.

Portsmouth striker **IAN BAIRD** (below) and Celtic full-back **CHRIS MORRIS** are the latest Englishmen willing to trace their Irish roots. Republic of Ireland boss **JACK CHARLTON**, who

is Morris' former Sheffield Wednesday manager, could give both men their chance in the November 10 friendly international against Israel in Dublin.

WIMBLEDON players Vinny Jones and Terry Phelan have been officially warned to watch their language.

After Portsmouth chairman John Deacon had complained, two police officers told the referee to take control or they would.

There has been a history of ill-feeling between Pompey and the Dons and Jones said of the complaint from Deacon: "The silly old fool was just trying to get his own back for last season."

Sheffield Wednesday want Ipswich's England Under-21 international centre-half **IAN CRANSON**.

Owls boss **HOWARD WILKINSON** is determined to plug the alarming defensive holes which have been a major contribution to the club's disastrous start to the season.

And having failed to lure Everton's **DEREK MOUNTFIELD** to Hillsborough, Wilkinson is now hoping for better luck in his move for the 23-year-old Portman Road star.

The imposing Cranson has been an Ipswich regular for the past three seasons after learning his trade alongside England's **TERRY BUTCHER**.

Now Wednesday hope the lure of a First Division return will be enough to convince Cranson that his future lies in Yorkshire.

DUFFY QUILTS

Dundee skipper **JIM DUFFY** has been told to quit the game following a knee injury sustained against Rangers last month.

The 28-year-old defender (left) says: "I'm shattered. When I went in for the operation I didn't suspect there was the slightest problem and was looking forward to playing again as soon as possible."

"I don't know what I'll do now because football has always been my life."

LIVERPOOL certainly gave QPR a right old walloping in the weekends round of matches in England. With the 4-0 victory the Reds went to the top of the table, a point in front of the Loftus Road side

TWENTY six died and 30 were injured in Kenya when the bus taking the Natharene side and a group of fans plunged off the road into the Unja River. They were travelling to Nikubu for a league match against Kawempungu.

MIDWEEK England strenthened their claims for a spot in the European Championships to be played in West Germany next season with an 8-0 blitz of Turkey, inevitably Gary Lineker grabbing a hat-trick. Their biggest rivals are Yugoslavia who they will meet in Belgrade on the 11th of November.

THINGS are coming to a head at Sheffield Wednesday where wealthy local businessman Michael Deakin has advertised for shareholders to join him in a takeover bid.

Deakin is leading a consortium that is ready to spend millions to gain control of this footballing beached whale.

"The first thing I'll do when we get Sheffield Wednesday back on its feet is sack the manager," says Deakin, a director of seven companies.

LEICESTER's Scottish mifield man Ian Wilson has asked for time to think over the move to Luton. Basically that means he has had an offer from another club.

SPURS BLOW

Bad news for Spurs. Neither **DANNY THOMAS** nor **JOHN CHIEDOZIE** is expected to play this season.

Thomas is still recovering from the knee injury sustained in March while Chiedozi has shown little sign of conquering the back problem which has already ruled him out for a year.

IPSWICH skipper Mark Brennan is sporting a black eye after being caught sneaking out of a hotel room at two in the morning with the girlfriend of professional boxer Curtis Herd.

Brennan celebrated late into the night with beautiful blonde Carleen Cooke after scoring the Ipswich winner against Swindon.

After an evening at the disco they went back to the Post House Hotel at Ipswich and when Brennan emerged from a bedroom he was slugged by jealous Curtis.

Said Curtis: "I hit him two or three times and he went down. She tried to stop me so I grabbed her by the hair and threw her out of the way."

Brennan, with his eye a splendid range of blues and reds, said: "I didn't touch her, honest. We are just good friends."

The lesson to be learned, of course, is not to be caught with good friends in hotel rooms at two in the morning.

ENGLAND International Mark Hateley will be out of Soccer for two months after an operation to repair a double hernia.

Bournemouth are to make a move for American striker **BRENT GOULET**, who impressed manager **HARRY REDKNAPP** during a recent English tour with Seattle Surf.

Beglin comeback

Liverpool full-back **JIM BEGLIN** has tentatively pencilled in next January for his return to the First Division.

The 24-year-old Republic of Ireland international has been out for the past nine months after breaking a leg during the Littlewoods Cup clash with Everton.

Coventry clear-out

Coventry boss **JOHN SILLETT** wants to prune his first team squad before making any new signings. Defenders **KEVAN SMITH** and **MARTIN LANE** and striker **PAUL CULPIN** are all on the Sky Blues hit list.

DALEY IN DANGER

Aston Villa's exciting young winger **TONY DALEY** is struggling to overcome a nagging pelvic problem which could threaten his career. Daley, 19, has been told to rule out any chance of a quick return to action and Villa boss **GRAHAM TAYLOR** says: "We've been told it would be unwise for him to have an operation."

"There is no guarantee that it would be successful, so all he can do now is rest the injury and hope it clears up by itself."

QPR boss **JIM SMITH**, winner of the season's first Bell's Manager of the Month award, has a simple answer to those critics of his five man defensive system involving the use of skipper **TERRY FENWICK** in a sweeper role. "We might be negative, but by God we're successful," laughs the man who has led the new look Rangers to the top of the League.

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